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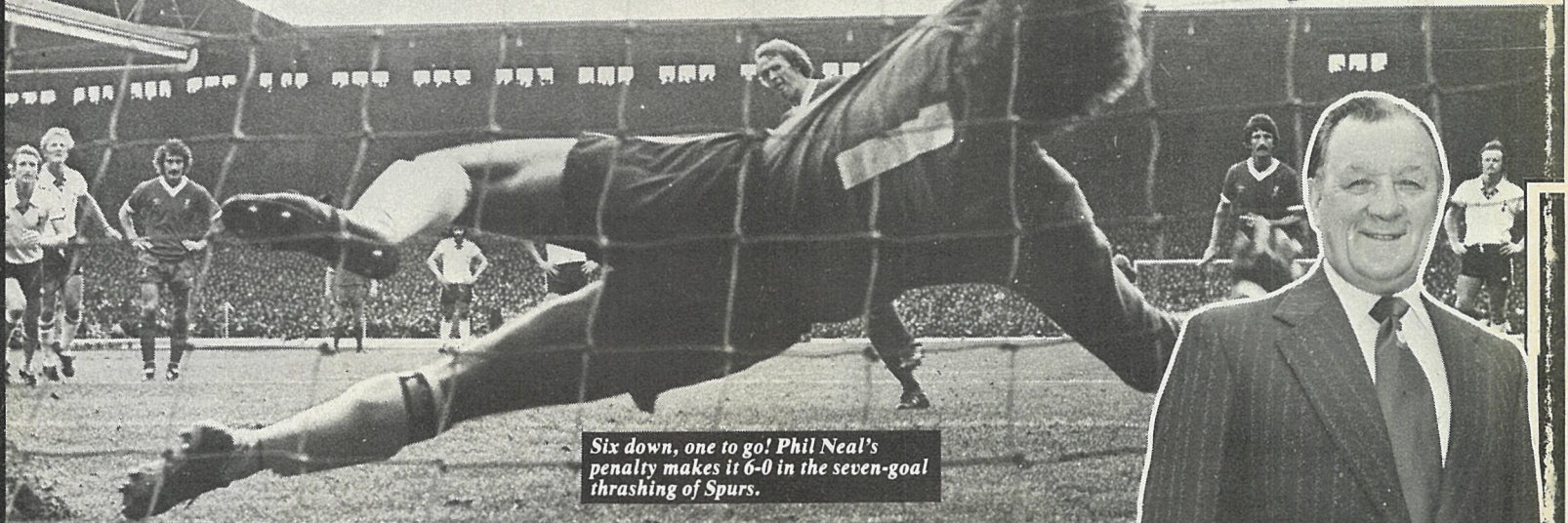
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How the Liverpool Reds keep their winning ways

Manager BOB PAISLEY spells out the secret of the Anfield club's success



Six down, one to go! Phil Neal's penalty makes it 6-0 in the seven-goal thrashing of Spurs.

FOR over a decade Liverpool have blazed a trail of success across England and Europe that has clearly stamped them as the most consistent side in the First Division. Now, in 1978, they are poised for fresh triumphs, still full of talent and running and seemingly ready to go on for ever. And the question arises — just how do they do it?

Obviously, there is no simple answer or short reply to such a query. There are so many aspects to the Anfield success story that it would probably take more than one person to explain them satisfactorily. But there is a man, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley, who is more qualified than most to define what is required to keep a team on top, season after season.

'Never sit back and relax'

Manager Paisley has been connected with the Merseysiders for 40 years as player, trainer, coach, assistant-manager and in his present capacity. During that time, Liverpool have either won or been runners-up on 26 occasions in League and Cup competitions, and Paisley has his own version of what has made his club's performances possible.

"The secret is never to sit back and relax," explains Bob. "No team can keep on achieving good results unless every effort is made to set your sights high, and we try to make certain the club has the

players available to do well in any sort of competition.

"In our case, we make it a seasonal target to reach Europe, to compete against Continental sides. This is necessary not only for reasons of prestige, but also because of the financial rewards. In order to pay the sort of wages we pay to keep the type of player we want, we must win matches and draw the crowds.

'We buy men we believe will fit in'

"Then when the money is available, Liverpool strive to recruit the players who have the qualities we consider most important to the team. For example, character, skill and the ability to think quickly are requirements we look for — in addition, we buy men who we believe will fit in with the players around them.

"Up-front, we want someone who will complement the player alongside him. In the past, Liverpool have had Kevin Keegan forming a great partnership with John



Liverpool's most expensive player, Kenny Dalglish.

Toshack, who was an intelligent centre-forward. The pair of them could read each other's mind and knew exactly what was expected in almost any situation, so it was not surprising that opposing defences found it difficult to mark them out of a game.

"Today, in football, there are forwards of talent whose ability is not fully brought out because their partner or partners are not the type suited to bring out the best in them. When we go after a player, as far as possible we attempt to judge on how well he is likely to adjust to the Liverpool style."

And in the important business of buying, the Anfield boss is careful to point out his club and the club they intend to do business with, work in harmony.

Says Bob: "I don't want to rock anybody's boat. Which is why in our quest for Kenny Dalglish, Jock Stein and I were constantly in touch so arrangements and negotiations between us were carried out as smoothly as possible. At the end of it all, Liverpool got the player they thought would fit in with their plans."

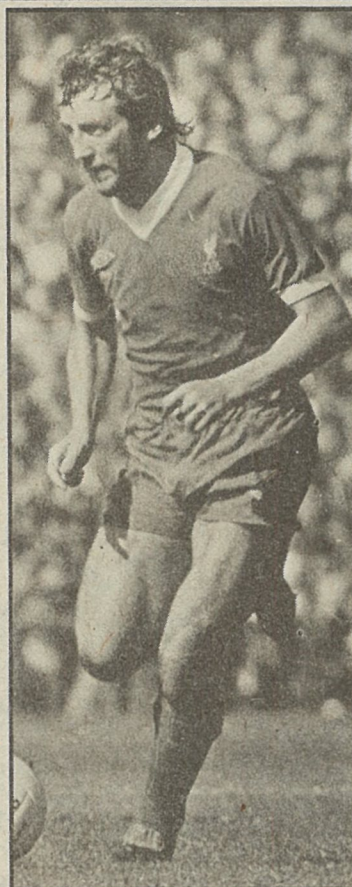
"And what a player Kenny is! He is intelligent, a great finisher and a master at making the telling pass,

thousand-and-one small matters that all add up to the job of running a football club. At Anfield, everyone behind the scenes is pulling his weight and working together — my training and scouting staff hardly need to be told what I expect, and although problems crop up here the same as they do everywhere else, we try to solve them without too much fuss or publicity . . .

'Our players are fit, but not worked to death'

"On the field, the principle is the same. The players do all they can to help each other, which means they work hard throughout the 90 minutes of a match. And when that game is over, that's it — whatever the result, it is behind us and we are preparing for the next one. There is no mystique about our training programme — Liverpool players are fit, but not worked to death once they've reached peak condition."

Although manager Paisley is inclined to play down his role in Liverpool triumphs, it is only necessary to look at some of his signings to judge how astute he is in the transfer market, a factor



Recent signing Alan Kennedy.

responsible for the operational smoothness of the team.

As well as Dalglish, Graeme Souness and more recently, Alan Kennedy, of Newcastle United, are men who could ensure there will be future trophies to adorn the Anfield sideboard. Dalglish and Souness made a significant contribution to Liverpool winning the European Cup for the second successive year, and Kennedy is rated

as a player with a bright future.

"Alan is a left-footed player at left-back, where we have previously had right-footed players," says Paisley. "We are a side that builds up attacks slowly from the back, and I believe Alan will fit in nicely with our technique."

Perhaps the important part Bob Paisley has played in the Liverpool scheme of things dates back to his long association with the club, and his years of working with the players in his various capacities, so he knew their strengths and failings, and what made them tick. Faced with the formidable task of following in the footsteps of Bill Shankly, Bob has shown the shrewdness and knowledge necessary to carry on the famous winning tradition of The Reds.

The Anfield link-up between directors, manager, training staff and last but not least the players is the envy of less fortunate clubs throughout Britain — but it hasn't been easy.

'Once you start to predict the trophies you'll win, you're in trouble'

Bob sums up: "People might ask if being on top breeds a certain kind of outlook. As far as I'm concerned it does — I know if you become complacent, you are dead. It is possible to look at a team of 22-year-old players, and think they will go on for ever. But they won't — you must keep building all the time."

"Lastly, keep a sense of humour. We try to at Anfield, and when somebody asked me in August who would win the League, I said Kent. Once you start to predict how many trophies you'll win, you are in trouble."

Champions of Europe — again. Liverpool after their victory over FC Bruges at Wembley last season.



LEFT . . . Manager Bob Paisley. ABOVE . . . The team behind Liverpool (from left): Tom Saunders (youth development officer), Reuben Bennett (coach), Roy Evans (2nd team coach), Joe Fagan (chief coach), John Bennison (youth coach), Geoff Twentyman (chief scout), Ronnie Moran (chief trainer).

the ideal choice at filling the gap left by the departure of Kevin Keegan. This is part of Liverpool's success, the art of finding the right men for the job, who play their part in keeping up the club's challenge for honours.

'Everyone behind the scenes is pulling his weight'

"But it is not just the glamour of big signings that receives our attention. There are also the little things to be taken care of, the





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Brothers

Could you tell me how many times Bobby and Jack Charlton played in full internationals — and, especially, how many times together?

BART McNEILL,
JARROW

● Bobby played in 106 — an England record till Bobby Moore topped it with 108 — and Jack in 35, Bart.

They played in the same England team on 28 occasions — including, of course, the 1966 World Cup Final.

Straight in!

Who was the first player to score direct from a corner-kick in a Football League match?

FRANCES CORABIN,
SWINDON

● Billy Smith was the man, Frances — for Huddersfield v. Arsenal in a Division One game on 11th October, 1924.

And Billy — an England international right-winger with a terrific shot, who still holds the Huddersfield club-record of 520 League appearances — got in pretty quick, as the Law had only been changed to make such a goal possible from the start of that season.

London Fairs

In the Final of the first Fairs Cup in 1958, a representative London XI were beaten 8-2 on aggregate by Barcelona. Could you tell me who made up the London team?

NICHOLAS TYE,
KENT

● In the 2-2 first-leg at Stamford Bridge, Nicholas, the London XI lined-up like this — Jack Kelsey (Arsenal); Peter Sillett (Chelsea); Jim Langley (Fulham); Danny Blanchflower (Spurs); Maurice Norman (Spurs); Kenny Coote (Brentford); Vic Groves (Arsenal); Jimmy Greaves (Chelsea); Bobby Smith (Spurs); Johnny Haynes (Fulham); George Robb (Spurs). Greaves and Langley (pen.) got the goals.

In the 6-0 away hammering George Wright, Noel Cantwell, and Ken Brown (all of West Ham), Dave Bowen and Jimmy Bloomfield (both of Arsenal), Terry Medwin (Spurs), and Jim Lewis (Chelsea) came into the side. They replaced Sillett, Langley, Norman, Coote, Greaves, Haynes, and Robb.

Bobby Moore — scorer

I know my old favourite player, Bobby Moore, played a West Ham appearance record of 545 League games — but how many goals did he score in them?

KEVIN SARGENT,
BEDFORDSHIRE

● Bobby only got 24, Kevin, but that really wasn't too bad for a man noted for his superb defensive skills.

He also got a couple of goals in his record 108 games for England.

Hungary's double

Could you tell me the score and scorers when Hungary beat England twice within a few months in the 1950's?

PETER BARCZAY,
BRADFORD

● England — having well beaten Hungary 4-1 at Wembley back in May — don't wish to know that, Peter!

Still, as you ask, I'd better tell you that in the first game — at Wembley on 25th November, 1953 — Hungary's goals came from Hidegkuti (3), Puskas, Bozsik, and Budai; England's replies coming from Sewell, Mortensen, and Ramsey.

A 6-3 whacking was bad enough — but worse was to come when England were routed 7-1 in Budapest, six months later, on 23rd May, 1954.

Then Hungary's scorers were Lantos, Puskas (2), Kocsis (2), Toth, and Hidegkuti; England's lonely goal coming from Broadis.

They didn't call those lads the "Mag-nificent Magyars" for nothing!

Just Fontaine tops

My brother says Gerd Muller holds the record for the most goals scored in the final stages of any World Cup — but I think he's wrong!

PETER DRISCOLL,
EIRE

● He is, too, Peter. The West German goal-grabber got ten in 1970 — but that's bettered by the 13 of Just Fontaine of France in 1958.

Muller is also topped by the 11 of Sandor Kocsis (Hungary) in 1954.

SHORT PASSES

● Aston Villa were the first Football League Cup-winners in 1960-61 — beating Rotherham 3-2 on aggregate in a two-legged, home-and-away Final.

(SIMON KAYE, York)

● Arsenal have been continuously in the First Division since the 1919-20 season.

(DANIEL WHITAKER, London, N.W.3)

● Most League goals scored in a season by a Manchester United player was the 32 of Dennis Viollet in the First Division in 1959-60.

(RICHARD BLEASDALE,
Dumfries)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Barry Hudson of Sedgfield, Stockton-on-Tees, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SOUNESS WAS GREAT AT BORO TOO!

AFTER his £350,000 transfer from Middlesbrough to Liverpool, Graeme Souness was hailed as one of the best midfield players in the country. He was called up by Scotland and has even been tipped as a future international captain.

All of this has happened since his transfer, yet Souness was playing just as well for Boro before he joined Pool.

He did not, however, receive the same glowing reports and was regarded as a "possible" for the World Cup.

It just goes to show what a difference it makes if you play for one of the top clubs.

● Playing in a really good side like Liverpool inevitably helps a player to improve his game and be noticed. The same goes for Alan Kennedy. It's a sad fact of soccer life that being part of an unsuccessful side can hinder a player's progress.

Two out of three Coverage

A few months ago, you stated Everton were in the market for a striker, midfielder and a full-back.

You mentioned Mickey Walsh (below) and Geoff Nulty, who have, of course, since joined the Goodison club.



The third player was John Gidman. So for Everton's sake let's hope you're right again!

CHARLES ORMSTON,
STAMFORD.

● Even if we're not, two out of three isn't bad! We try our best to keep one step ahead... and in Everton's case we were correct.

"Perfect Paisley"

I'M sick of hearing Brian Clough has performed miracles. If he's such a good manager, then why was he sacked by Leeds?

The perfect example of a good manager is Liverpool's Bob Paisley who has successfully succeeded the legendary Bill Shankly.

Bob has shrewdly bought the right players — and what's more, doesn't boast all the time.

Clough recently dropped a clanger by selling Peter Withe to Newcastle; look how Forest have struggled to score since.

BRÉNDAN PEREIRA,
FOREST GATE.

● While taking nothing away from the achievements of Bob Paisley, Brian Clough has won the Championship with two different clubs with teams he and Peter Taylor built. Few managers are successful at the highest level with more than one club, but in my book Clough HAS worked "miracles".

I AM writing to complain about the lack of coverage in Britain of Continental football. All over Europe English League games are shown on television and reports also appear in the Press.

Why not the same over here?

NICHOLAS KOUNOPIAS,
EAST SHEEN.

● English football is the most popular in the world and that's why the foreign Press gives it so much coverage. You will find, for example, more coverage of the Football League in the German Press than of the French or Spanish Leagues. This is a compliment to the English game, and while Continental soccer is fairly popular over here... English football has a tremendous following in Europe.

Hunt for glory

FULL marks to Coventry City for giving Steve Hunt another chance in the Football League. A failure with Aston Villa, Stevie went to the Cosmos where he became a star player.

At £40,000 he could prove to be the bargain of the season, certainly if his early form for The Sky Blues is anything to go by.

RUSSELL GORDON,
COLESHILL.

● Steve is one "foreigner" who should have few problems "adapting"! A debut goal at Derby showed what a bargain Steve is.

THE season is only a few weeks old and early opinions can often be wrong. Two things are obvious, though: Liverpool have made a wonderful start, while London clubs have failed to shine.

Even by their standards, the European Champions have begun well. They're scoring more goals than usual and while Spurs were, perhaps, unfortunate to be on the end of that seven-goal thrashing... the way Liverpool have been playing, it had to happen to someone.

For clubs in the capital, however, it's been London Gloom. I don't think there is any connection between the disappointments of most of the teams. From Chelsea's point of view, we have been inconsistent and must add more professionalism to our game if we are to challenge the top sides.

By "professionalism" I don't mean we must kick everyone. For instance, we gave away a goal against Leeds in the first minute. You can't "give" any Division One club a goal start and expect very much.

Leeds caught us cold and we paid for this lack of concentration. We've conceded some dreadful goals and this is something we must eliminate.

In our opening game against Ever-

ton at Stamford Bridge we didn't play at all well. Had we scored, I feel we could have beaten the Merseysiders, but Andy King's goal proved to be the match-winner.

We went up to Wolves and did much better, although I'm honest enough to admit they had an off-night. They allowed us too much space, which we took advantage of.

We played some good football at Spurs in the 2-2 draw and for a London derby it was an exciting, incident-free game. We were unfortunate not to win. I found I wasn't too closely marked and enjoyed this freedom. It was suggested the presence of Ardiles and Villa made me play above myself to prove British is Best.

Nonsense! I approach every match the same... not to prove anything, just to win.

Against Leeds we were poor in the first-half, yet came back later on. We conceded bad goals, though, and didn't deserve anything.

I haven't been really impressed by any of our opponents so far — I haven't seen them "live", but Liverpool are going to take some stopping, that's obvious.

There have been some shocks in the League Cup, too. Chelsea, Arsenal, Spurs... all lost, as did other top teams. Those who say

First Division teams don't treat this competition seriously are wrong.

Maybe I can only talk on behalf of Chelsea, but we were very disappointed to lose at Bolton. A good run in the League Cup keeps interest high from the start of the season.

A feature of our play this term has been the long-range shooting of Garry Stanley and myself. Garry has always had a strong shot; I've worked hard after training on my shooting as I believe I should score more goals than I do.

If I've tried shots that weren't really "on"... well, if you don't try, you don't score. Ask Martin Buchan!

Incidentally, Garry has come back well after missing nearly all of last season through injury. So has David Hay — he had even worse problems, because to have trouble with your eyes is far more than a soccer injury.

I'm told Derby manager Tommy Docherty had some unkind remarks to say about me on ITV's Sports Preview. I was watching BBC at the time! I turned over to hear Ian St. John say he didn't agree with The Doc.

Docherty felt I lacked pace, couldn't head the ball etc. I've had my share of praise, so I can't complain. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed at his remarks, although I'd also be lying if I said

they bothered me.

Changing the subject, next week (September 26th, 8 pm) we play a friendly against the Cosmos at Stamford Bridge. They will be our second foreign opponents this season — we beat Napoli 1-0 in Naples on September 3rd, during a "weekend break".

Personally, I love playing against Continentals and the Cosmos have enough Europeans and South Americans to come into this category.

I hope they take the game seriously; as they'll be out to boost their reputation, I feel they will so it should be a fascinating match.

Franz Beckenbauer plays in midfield for them and I'm looking forward to meeting him for the first time. What a player! He has "class" written over everything he does, two good feet and a soccer brain second to none.

Had he been playing for West Germany in the World Cup they'd have done better. They missed his leadership and steadying influence on the team.

The Cosmos have several top stars who could still survive in the more competitive European Leagues... apart from Beckenbauer, there's my pal Dennis Tueart, Bogievic, the Yugoslav and the former Brazil captain Carlos Alberto. And, perhaps, even the one and only Johan Cruyff.



"Here I am taking over my new Vauxhall Cavalier Coupe from Brian Turner, managing director of Brabham."

**RAY
WILKINS**
Writes for you

'CHELSEA MUST BE

"We're just about to concede an early goal against Leeds."



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Aston Villa midfielder. Answers on page 46.



"Johan Cruyff, seen here guesting for the Cosmos, is a player I'd love to have at Chelsea."

I don't blame these players. Someone told me Dennis earns £3,000 a week. I don't know if this is true, but that sort of money would make anyone think seriously. I'm hoping to have a long chat with Dennis after the game — if he *does* earn that much, he can pay for the beer!

I don't believe these players owe their countries anything. Look how much Beckenbauer has done for West Germany — good luck to him for securing a contract that will give him enough to make his future

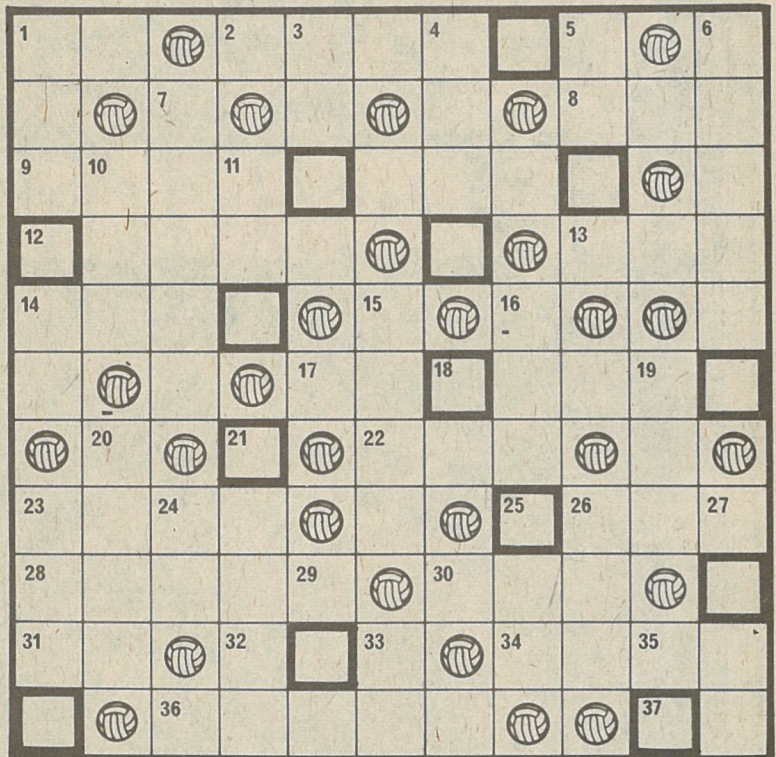
comfortable.

I hope our fans come along and see the match — Franz Beckenbauer, alone, must always be worth watching, surely?

A hypothetical question . . . if Chelsea could have any world star whom would I prefer? I'd have to choose Cruyff. A magnificent player, one of the few who, when he receives the ball, you expect the unexpected to happen. Cruyff of Chelsea — what a dream!

Raymond

MORE PROFESSIONAL



ACROSS:

- (1) The --gpies, Newcastle United.
- (2) First Division side from Molineux.
- (8) John Gr---ry of Aston Villa.
- (9) Jimmy — former Spurs, Arsenal winger.
- (12) List . . . as of the clubs in a Division.
- (13) — MacDougall from Southampton.
- (14) -anch-s-er C-ty The omissions reversed.
- (17) Peter —, of Nottingham Forest.
- (22) — Hartford of Manchester City.
- (23) Take four letters from Aston Villa to give "besides".
- (25) MTK -u--pe-t (losing Finalists European Cup-Winners' Cup, 1964). Fish from the omissions.
- (28) Brian —, Chester 'keeper.
- (30) -aul Coop-- of Ipswich Town.
- (31) Mike -ahone- of Newcastle United.
- (32) Purpose . . . the strikers' one being the goal!
- (34) Take four letters from Chelsea for an animal.
- (36) An active player usually needs plenty of this.
- (37) --tz; French League club.

DOWN:

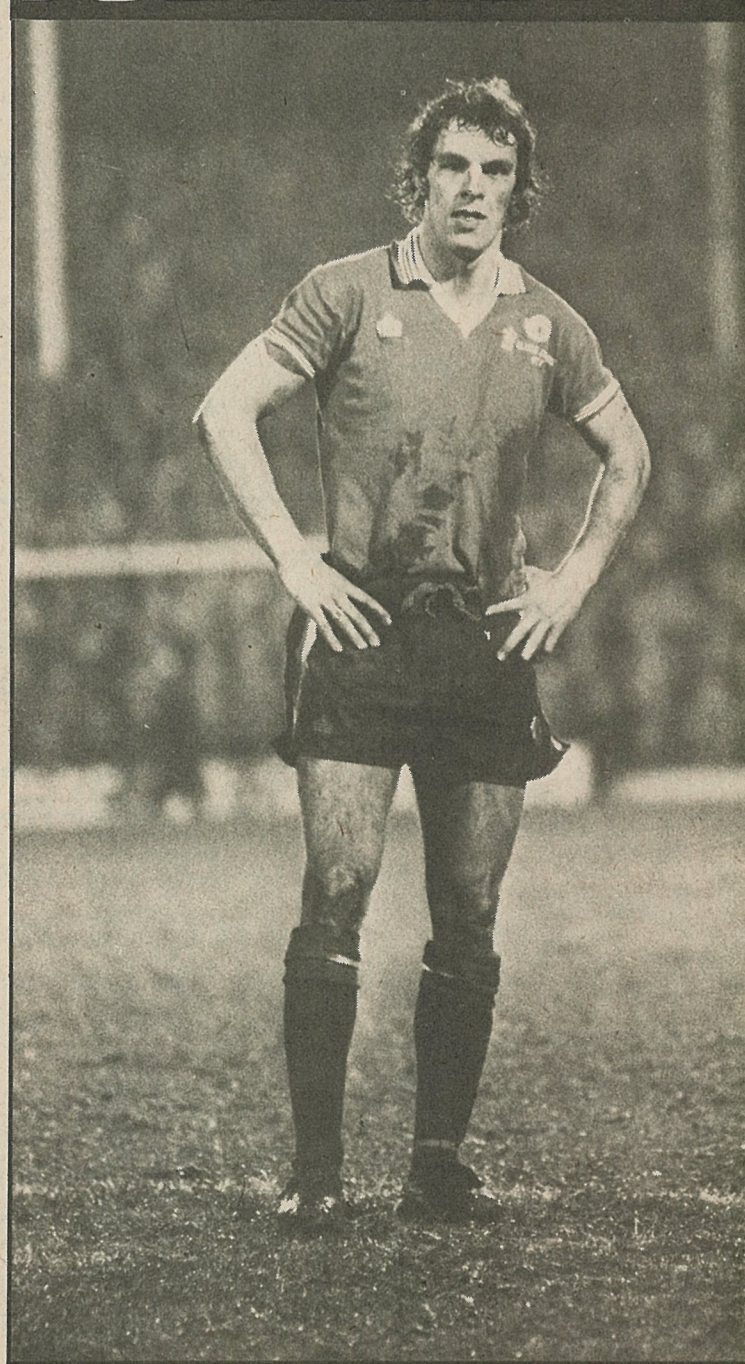
- (1) Alvin —, West Ham back-four player.
- (3) Take four letters from George Best to give a man-eating giant.
- (4) Some trophies are in the shape of this.
- (5) Take four letters from Stranraer for "caused to go".
- (6) Tony —, West Bromwich Albion 'keeper.
- (7) — Stadium of Cambridge United.
- (10) A single seed from the Scottish club whose home is Gayfield Park.
- (11) Tree associated with Reading's ground.
- (15) The —, Halifax Town's ground.
- (16) Sheffield United's nickname. The —.
- (18) Tenn-- Borussia, West German League club.
- (19) The soccer ball is one, for instance.
- (20) — MacLeod, Scottish team manager.
- (21) Part title of the winners of the F.A. Cup at Kennington Oval in 1874/75.
- (23) Don -c-l-i-ter (Spurs). Donation from the omissions.
- (24) Consequently from Somerton Park (Newport County).
- (26) Tony Mc--nd--w of Middlesbrough.
- (27) Part of the foot.
- (29) Barry -a-n-s of Spurs.
- (33) --adow Lane; ground of Notts County.
- (35) St--ford Bridge, home of Chelsea.

Who is the better



**'Judge':
ALLAN
HUNTER**
Ipswich Town
and N.Ireland

JOE JORDAN



WITH the disappointments of the World Cup in Argentina hopefully back in the dim and distant past, the Scottish national team looks ahead — to goals, success and the first decisive steps to a better showing in 1982 World Cup action.

And key figures in the forward planning must be two fervent Scottish patriots who love to wear the number nine shirt: Joe Jordan and Andy Gray. Big Joe, of Manchester United, was in the squad for South America. Not-so-big Andy, of Aston Villa, was merely one of six reserves to the actual squad of 22.

Two controversial figures, each with strengths and, maybe, the odd weakness. Which comes out as the top contender for a prolonged run as Scottish spearhead?

Here is a ten-round contest between the two, refereed by Allan Hunter, much-capped for Northern Ireland, a seasoned campaigner for F.A. Cup winners Ipswich Town. Hunter, described by Derby County's Gordon Hill as "like the Rock of Gibraltar in the heart of a defence", knows all about the weaknesses of top-class centre-forwards.

So here are the contestants.

In the red corner: Joe Jordan, 5ft 11½in tall, weight 11st 9lb, born Carlisle, Scotland. Originally with Morton, then to Leeds United, picking up 32 League goals in 119 outings. Might have gone to Ajax in Holland in 1977 but instead signed for Manchester United for a reported £350,000 fee. Was in the 1974 Scotland World Cup team. Sometimes criticised for not scoring goals consistently. Big, tough, resolute, and a number nine of the "old" mould.

In the claret-and-light-blue corner: Andy Gray, 5ft 10in, 11st 5lb, born in Glasgow. First with Dundee United, averaging a shade over a goal every two games, then

to Aston Villa for £110,000 — and with much the same scoring statistics, despite bad luck with injuries. After just 18 months in the English League, elected 1977 Players' Player of the Year and Players' Young Player of the Year.

Both proud of Scottish soccer traditions, with Andy getting the edge in pride by actually being born on St. Andrews Day, November 30.

Now for the bell for Round One:

Goalscoring ability

Allan Hunter: "The common belief in this game is the centre-forward scores goals. So in this department I have to give Andy Gray very much the verdict. He scores goals, that's for sure. But big Joe has taken a lot of stick from the critics especially since he went to Manchester United because the goals aren't coming regularly.

But he is a different type of centre-forward to Gray. Jordan was at his peak when with Leeds, where he wasn't specially employed to score goals. It was the work he did for Eddie Gray, Allan Clarke and Peter Lorimer that won him the praise. He just does a different, and important kind of job. But Gray gets goals. That's what the experts and the fans like."

Round Two: Goal-making ability.

Hunter: "Well, making and scoring link up a bit. Jordan gets abuse now for not scoring but, given the proper team-work around him he certainly makes goals. But there's not much in it when it comes to the two big fellows making goals. Whenever I've seen Gray he has a tremendous ability to set up chances for Brian Little. Normally it is the small chap who feeds the big one, but in the Villa side it is often Andy Gray working for the smaller man. They both have ability in this area, so it is virtually even marking."



Andy Gray (left) after scoring for Villa against Southampton earlier this term.

striker for Scotland?

Round Three : Speed.

Hunter: "I'd say Jordan is the quicker man over any kind of distance. Andy Gray does his best work just a few yards out of goal, but Joe Jordan likes to go on long runs up the centre, and he's pretty quick."

Round Four: Temperament.

Hunter: "Yes, well I have to admit big Joe is suspect in this department. There was a bit of trouble for Gray in Czechoslovakia when he was sent-off for striking a defender who had played it very hard against both Jordan and Gray. Result was Andy missed the rest of Scotland's World Cup qualifying games. But for me, Andy Gray is a quiet chap who gets on with the game. That's saying a lot for a big fellow who gets in hard at close quarters and gets stick from opponents."

Round Five: How about their respective merits when it comes to putting them off their game?

Hunter: "If anybody can come up with an answer to how you put either of them off their game, please give me a phone call. They are on a level in this department. They get on and do their jobs, different though they may be. For the past two years, I've consistently said they are the two best strikers in the English League."

Round Six: Which is the more difficult player to mark?

Hunter: "They're both hard to mark. But I have to keep stressing they aren't the same kind of players. Jordan in his Leeds days showed one kind of ability to hold off markers, and Gray has another kind of skill. But I suppose the experts would say Gray is harder to cover because he gets so many goals. So he has the edge... just!"

Round Seven: How about vision — vision in terms of seeing quickly what's happening in a game?

Hunter: "Certainly Andy Gray has lightning vision when it comes to finding Brian Little. Those two know exactly where the other is. But again I have to go back to Jordan's spell at Leeds. He showed there he has vision in the way he fed chances to several team-mates. They're level."

Round Eight: Heading ability?

Hunter: "As the popular theory is centre-forwards are there to score goals, Andy Gray comes out top on points in the air. He gets a lot of goals with his head, whereas big Joe heads the ball down to team-mates. Still, as Joe is less direct with his head, he has to come second. But don't forget he is a different kind of number nine!"

Round Nine: How about the two men's ability to cope against varying kinds of Continental or foreign teams?

Hunter: "Gray must win this one, because he has such an even temperament and works hard not to be rattled by opposition tactics. But it is only too easy to be too tough on Jordan because he sometimes gets over-involved. I watched his performances for Scotland in Argentina, and I don't remember him getting into trouble, even at that level of pressure."

Round Ten: The team value of each man?

Hunter: "This obviously would be up to the individual team manager. If you asked Ron Saunders at Aston Villa, he'd confirm what a fine job Andy Gray is doing for the side. But if you asked Don Revie about the value of Joe Jordan at Leeds, he's says the big fellow did a fantastic job. It is not Jordan's fault he cost such a lot of money when he moved to Manchester United, or that he's taking stick for not scoring

goals when that is not really his role. Again, though, I suppose most experts would go for the man who scores the goals. It's just I feel there are different kinds of 'value'."

Now a breakdown of the referee's scoring shows five rounds level and Andy Gray ahead, though only just, on most of the others.

But Allan Hunter stresses: "They are both outstandingly fine players. I've given Andy Gray the edge in situations where those who want centre-forwards to score

goals and be direct would plump for him. But Joe Jordan plays his kind of game brilliantly."

"Obviously Scottish planning must involve both of them, but what I'd most like to see is the two of them get a reasonable run in the same side. Andy Gray could feed off Joe Jordan, and I've a feeling Kenny Dalglish would be able to feed off both of them."

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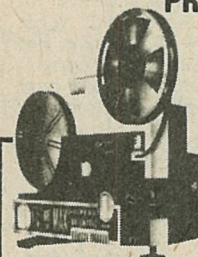
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CROSSTALK

IT'S A strange, turn-about situation in the North-East, where Middlesbrough, who have never yet won a major honour, are the only representatives in the First Division — while their more illustrious neighbours, Newcastle and Sunderland, with marvellous traditions in Cup and League, battle away together in the Second Division. Here, we bring two of their players together to talk about Boro, and the chances of winning promotion back to where they believe they belong — in the First.

SIDDALL: For the North-East, it's unusual to find Middlesbrough flying the flag for this area in the First Division, while Sunderland and Newcastle United find themselves in the Second. But at Roker Park, and I'm sure you feel the same way at St. James', we aim to improve our lot — meanwhile, John, I think Boro will hold their own in the top flight this season.

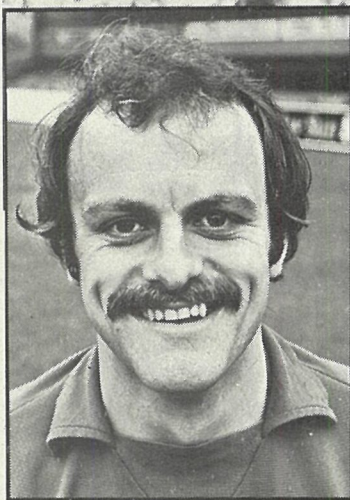
BIRD: I certainly can't see Middlesbrough being relegated, Barry — though I have the feeling if they do hit the headlines it could be in the F.A. Cup. At Ayresome they've had winning spells over a limited period during the last three years, and if they can manage one of these spells at the right time this season, they could make up for some of the disappointments we've recently had in this part of the soccer world.

SIDDALL: Much as I would like to see success coming to Middlesbrough this term, my view is they will be a mid-table team. Boro are primarily a defensive side, with players such as John Craggs, Stuart Boam and Willie Maddren giving them one of the best defences in the country since they were promoted — and this defence was superbly organised under their former manager, Jack Charlton. Now, Middlesbrough are attacking more under John Neal, but the defence is still the best part of their team and they have to build from there.

BIRD: I agree about the defence, and even though Willie Maddren has been out of the back-four through injury, Middlesbrough are not an easy team to beat. In their attack, I've been very impressed with David Mills and Stan Cummins, though Boro missed Cummins early in the season up-front.

SIDDALL: I believe, too, they still feel the loss of Graeme Souness in midfield, since he went to Liverpool. But John Mahoney has filled the gap skilfully and at left-back, Ian Bailey has fitted in well.

BIRD: What I would like to see are



'Defence is the best part of the Boro team'
— Barry Siddall
(Sunderland)

the Boro supporters getting behind their team and giving it every encouragement in the next few months.

SIDDALL: Yes, that would be fine, John, and mention of the next few months reminds me I would like to see Sunderland and Newcastle up among the leading clubs in that time. Here at Roker, it's essential we pick up as many points as possible early in the season. Otherwise, bad results in the first two or

three months can mean too much lost ground has to be made up later on.

BIRD: One consolation about Newcastle and Sunderland being in the Second Division together is we resume our local "derbies". I haven't actually played in one yet, but it's an experience I'm eagerly anticipating. As with Middlesbrough, you have sound players in the back-four, including Jeff Clarke and Joe Bolton, and with new man Mick Buckley, Mick Docherty and Gary Rowell in your line-up, there is every chance you will find that important blend.

SIDDALL: It took us some time to settle in the Second Division, but if we can score goals freely this season we could be up among the leaders. About Newcastle, I feel with the experienced players that have been bought by United this term, there is every chance you will be among the top clubs in the Second Division. Men like Jim Pearson and John Connolly will give Peter Withe the sort of service he likes.

Middlesbrough's Stuart Boam gets the better of Chelsea's Tommy Langley.



'Consolation for our teams: we can resume derby games'
— John Bird
(Newcastle)

BIRD: I hope you are right, Barry. Confidence is a big factor with any team, and is something all three North-East sides can do with in 1978-79. Certainly, our new players have quickly settled down at Newcastle, and together with Sunderland there is every chance our two teams can be among the leading clubs in Division Two. The way I see it, things can only get better. See you when our two clubs meet at Roker Park on October 14th.



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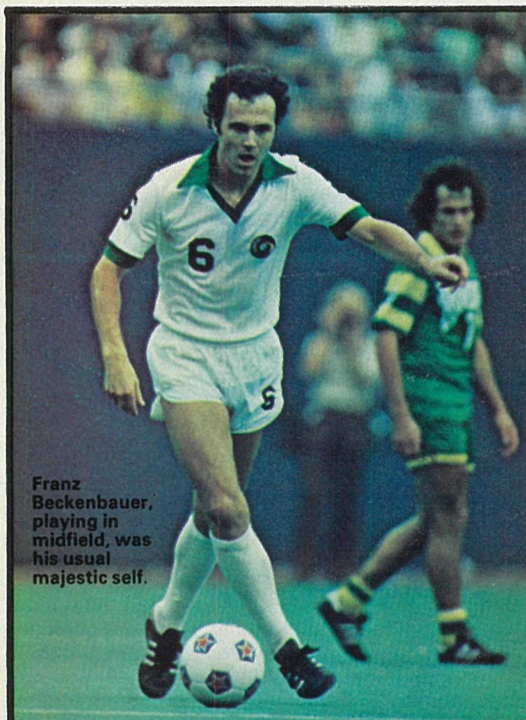
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Franz Beckenbauer, playing in midfield, was his usual majestic self.



Georgio Chinaglia (right) scores; despite the protest of Davie Robb, the goal stood. Tampa 'keeper Winston DuBose has no chance.



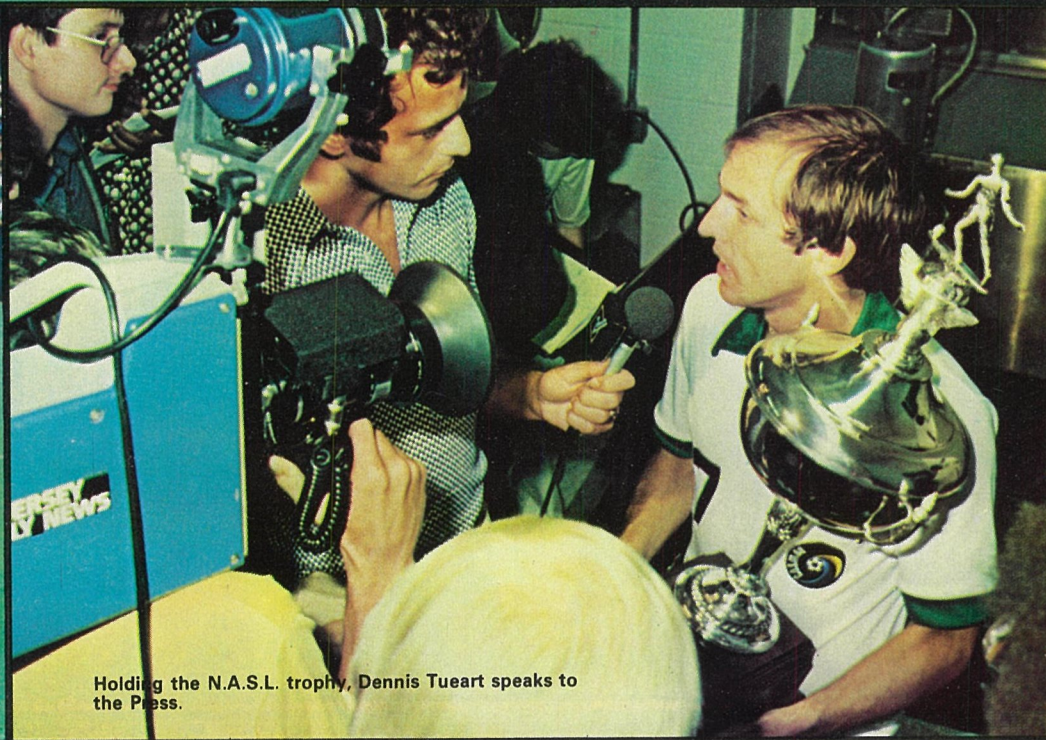
Dennis Tueart celebrates his second goal.

COSMOS DOUBLE HAS ROWDIES REELING

THE Cosmos retained their North American Soccer League trophy when they beat Tampa Bay Rowdies 3-1 in the Final. A capacity crowd saw the game, with many British stars taking part. The SHOOT photographer was there to bring you the best of the action . . .



Cosmos captain Werner Roth and Davie Robb tussle for possession.



Holding the N.A.S.L. trophy, Dennis Tueart speaks to the Press.



THERE wasn't one chant of "Eeeaye addio, we've won the Cup" as the winners did their lap of honour. Instead, Carly Simon's "Nobody Does It Better" rang out over the loudspeaker system to loud cheers.

Soccer is different in the United States — on and off the field — and when Cosmos beat Tampa Bay Rowdies 3-1 in the N.A.S.L. play-off Final the celebrations were, as you'd expect, more in keeping with New York than Newcastle.

The Cosmos president had a shower ... with his clothes on ... drinking champagne. Perhaps the only common factor between the American Final and our own was the crowd; the game attracted a sell-out record of 74,901 supporters, bringing the total Cosmos home attendances to 966,009, an average of more than 50,000.

The Cosmos, hot favourites, were never really in danger. Dennis Tueart volleyed home a superb opening goal in the 31st minute and from then Tampa tried hard, but made little impression.

In a temperature of 78 degrees with a 10 m.p.h. wind (the Americans LOVE statistics) Chinaglia made it 2-0 (his 34th goal of the season, not including his 11 assists) ... Tampa pulled one back, but Dennis the Menace sewed the game up with his second and the Cosmos's third goal.

It wasn't a memorable game, with little inspired football. The goals were well-taken, but in between there was little to keep the fans or the man operating the electric scoreboard too happy.

Still, the Cosmos retained their title and broke records galore. Records? Well — how about the

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Most Games Held Opposition To One Goal Or Less record — 12 matches, in the play-offs? They've taken part in 19 play-off games after all ...

Just about every Cosmos player has won an award of some kind this season; for fans of Dennis Tueart, you'll be interested to know he's Cutty/N.A.S.L. Most Valuable Player of the Play-offs, N.A.S.L. Honorable Mention All-star and Soccer Bowl '78 Offensive Player of the Game. That means attacking, not abusive, by the way.

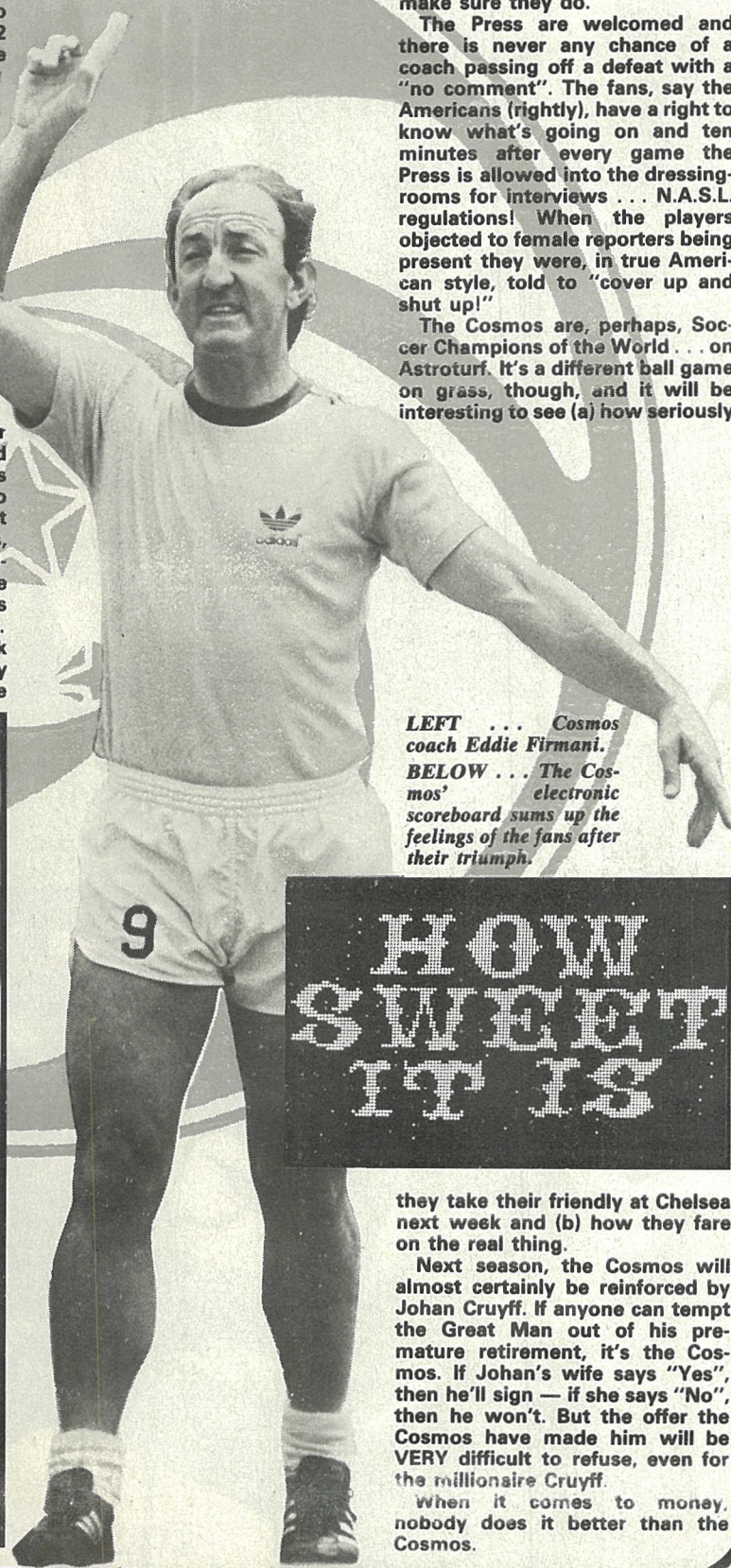
Despite our tongue-in-cheek remarks, soccer has well and truly taken off in New York and the

locals affectionately refer to the team as "Us" these days. Acceptance, indeed.

The Cosmos are the richest club in the world, owned by the giant Warner Communications. They are also the most expensive club to support in the States — admission is £3, £2 for under-16's with £1 parking. For that, the fans have just about every luxury imaginable. Not for the Americans the crumbling terraces or filthy toilets — they've got to keep the customers satisfied and they damn well make sure they do.

The Press are welcomed and there is never any chance of a coach passing off a defeat with a "no comment". The fans, say the Americans (rightly), have a right to know what's going on and ten minutes after every game the Press is allowed into the dressing-rooms for interviews ... N.A.S.L. regulations! When the players objected to female reporters being present they were, in true American style, told to "cover up and shut up!"

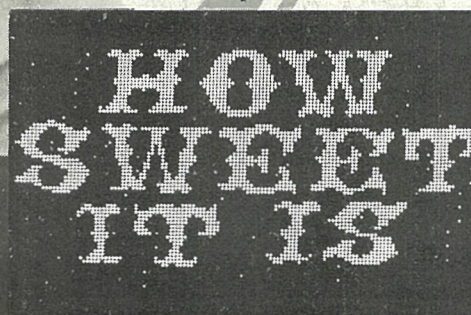
The Cosmos are, perhaps, Soccer Champions of the World ... on Astroturf. It's a different ball game on grass, though, and it will be interesting to see (a) how seriously



LEFT ... Cosmos coach Eddie Firmani.

BELOW ... The Cosmos' electronic scoreboard sums up the feelings of the fans after their triumph.

Steve Hunt celebrates a goal ... despite the obvious attractions of the Cosmos, Steve has signed for Coventry to further his career.



they take their friendly at Chelsea next week and (b) how they fare on the real thing.

Next season, the Cosmos will almost certainly be reinforced by Johan Cruyff. If anyone can tempt the Great Man out of his premature retirement, it's the Cosmos. If Johan's wife says "Yes", then he'll sign — if she says "No", then he won't. But the offer the Cosmos have made him will be VERY difficult to refuse, even for the millionaire Cruyff.

When it comes to money, nobody does it better than the Cosmos.

Roger Palmer raises his arms in triumph after scoring Manchester City's third goal in their 3-0 win against Leeds at Maine Road.



GOAL



ABOVE . . . Q.P.R.'s Ian Gilliard beats the Manchester United defence to fire home a shot past Paddy Roche.

BELOW . . . Pat Jennings is sent the wrong way by Forest's penalty king John Robertson during the 2-1 victory v. Arsenal.



A spectacular effort by Mick Lyons as he scores Everton's first goal in their 2-0 win at home to Middlesbrough.



HOPEFULLY I'll be back in action this Saturday (September 23rd) against newly promoted Southampton at the Baseball Ground.

As you know, I was injured after scoring the winning goal in Derby's Second Round League Cup-tie versus Leicester City at Filbert Street at the end of last month.

With just 30 seconds to go the ball came down towards me. I went to head it, aware team-mate Steve Buckley was behind me.

But suddenly my body twisted one way — my leg the other. It hurt so much I thought I'd broken it.

When our physio Gordon Guthrie came on I groaned: "It's gone . . . I felt it go . . . my leg is broken."

As I was carried off, Gordon assured me the injury wasn't as serious as I had first thought.

The knee had come out of joint and snapped back in to place, twisting the ligaments.

It hurt like hell for a week. I sat at home with my knee in plaster, and swallowing pain-killing tablets.

Still, injuries are part of the game and I had to grin and bear it.

Unfortunately, the injury which has caused the longest lay-off of my career also put me completely out of the reckoning for England's European Championship tie in Denmark.

With other key players nursing injuries and suffering loss of form, I had hoped for a recall to the full squad.

Anyway, as I write, it does look as though I'll be fit to face Southamp-

ton and a player who seems to improve with age . . . Alan Ball.

I was just a lad when I marvelled at his heart-bursting display for England when they won the World Cup in 1966.

My admiration for him as a player hasn't diminished over the years. No one can question his ability and dedication to the game.

Ballie is a tremendous motivator and inspiration to youngsters. The only thing that has occasionally let him down in the past are his outbursts off the park.

Some of the statements he's made to the Press, criticising other players and managers, have been outrageous.

I know everyone is entitled to his opinions, but I feel Alan should have been more tactful at times.

Ballie is hardly the most popular of players to opposing fans and that's a shame. He's given so much to the game in this country, never performing at less than 100 per cent for Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal and now Southampton.

His great passion was playing for England, and he was naturally very disappointed when Don Revie made it clear his international career was over after winning 72 full caps.

There's no doubt Ballie was discarded too soon. He could have continued to do a tremendous job for his country, bringing class and stability to a side struggling to find its feet.

Alan is a perfectionist and there

aren't too many of them around in the game today.

Whatever you think of him it will be a dull day when he does finally hang up his boots. Although at 33 that time is still a long way off.

Last season, Norwich manager John Bond recommended one of his players to Ron Greenwood — midfielder Martin Peters, Ballie's team-mate in that victorious 1966 England side. In fact, they are the only two members of that team still playing League football.

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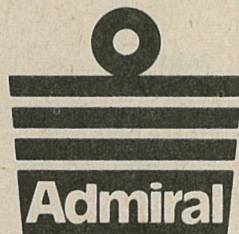
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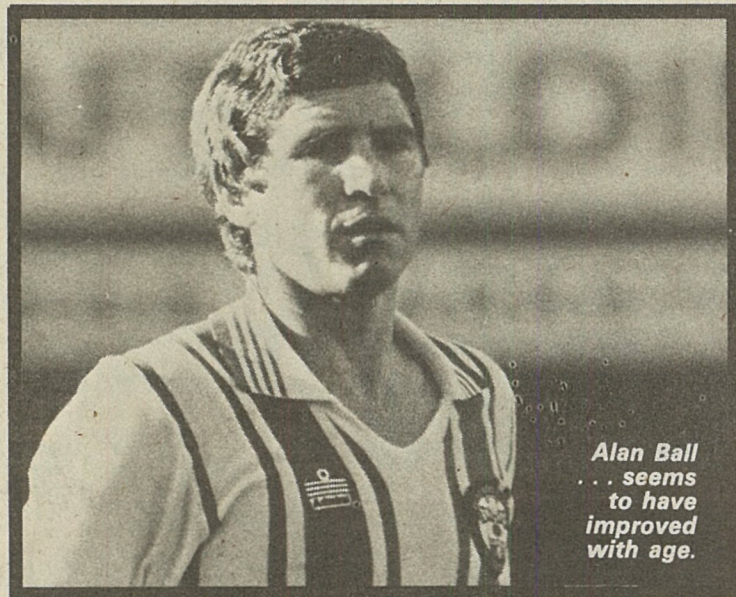
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Martin Peters (light shirt) ... still good enough for England?

"Oldies" Still A Match For Youngsters'



Alan Ball ... seems to have improved with age.

wich, and the opposition will be the 1966 England team.

At Carrow Road experience really does count. For instance, 'keeper Kevin Keelan and defender Duncan Forbes have made a total of over 1,200 League appearances between them.

Then there are new boys Martin Chivers, brought back from Switzerland at the age of 33 and given a chance to prove he is still capable of scoring goals in the First Division. And he did just that with a goal in Norwich City's opening match of the season against Southampton, ironically his first League club — and 30-year-old Davie Robb, signed

from Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Two other notable veterans still making a valuable contribution to the game are Tommy Smith, now with his former Liverpool teammate John Toshack at Swansea, and Ian Callaghan, who could soon be on the move from Anfield where he has contributed so much to the club's successes over the past ten years.

Some critics would prefer to see old stars "fade and die", but in many cases that's ridiculous. Often they can provide a vital service to clubs in lower Divisions.

Two instances of this are Allan Clarke and Paul Reaney, who left

Leeds at the end of last season to join Barnsley and Bradford City respectively.

The knowledge and experience they have gained over the years at top level can only benefit their new clubs.

Having such distinguished players on the staff prove clubs such as Barnsley and Bradford are ambitious.

It also creates new interest among the fans and encourages other good players and youngsters to join the club.

Ageless Wonder

Perhaps the daddy of all of today's veterans is Chelsea's 37-year-old goalkeeper Peter Bonetti.

The Cat made his debut at 18 in April, 1960, and shared in most of the club's triumphs over the next 12 years, including that European Cup-Winners' Cup victory in 1971.

This ageless wonder has been a real credit to Chelsea and the game in general, turning in great performances week-after-week, season-after-season.

Other players at the club, including their very long-serving defender Ron Harris, marvel at Peter's fitness and the way he's kept himself in tip-top condition.

I've read Peter is retiring at the end of the season to run a hotel on the Isle of Mull, which is off the West coast of Scotland.

Peter and Ron Harris are fortunate to be playing for a good club such as Chelsea. Others can be cruel to their long-servers, treating them like old clothes. Shutting

them away in the cupboard when they get a bit worn and then discarding them without a thought.

I'll make sure that doesn't happen to me. Mind you, I've still got eight or ten years of active service left ... too early to start thinking about retiring.

Love for the game motivates soccer's veterans ... and dedication. No one can survive at the top for a decade or more unless they are super fit in mind and body.

Golden Oldies are also willing to put something back into the game ... passing on their skills and knowledge to youngsters, to encourage them to take up football as a career. The veterans of today are the managers of tomorrow.

Lack of space has prevented me from giving more of a mention to other fine long-servers such as Alex Stepney, Tony Dunne, and Derby's skipper Roy McFarland who has served the club so well in the 11 years since his transfer from Tranmere.

Now back to our match with Southampton.

There are only two survivors in the current team that faced Manchester United in the 1975-76 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley ... Nick Holmes and David Peach.

Although manager Lawrie McMenemy has other fine players at The Dell I reckon he will have to buy if they are to seriously challenge for top honours.

Mind you, they haven't made a bad start to the season, have they?

A hard match at the Baseball Ground, but one I'm sure we'll win.

Derby's Third Round League Cup-tie against Saints at The Dell in a couple of week's time will be a different proposition, though.

While I'm confident The Rams can make progress in this competition, Saints are formidable opposition at The Dell.

I'll be happy with a draw, and then we can finish off the job at the Baseball.

Before I close, two things ... first a belated welcome to Derby for new signings, winger Steve Carter from Notts County and centre-half Aiden McCaffery from Newcastle, who made an impressive debut in our League Cup win at Leicester. I'm sure both will prove tremendous assets to The Rams.

Secondly — thanks for all your letters. I've had rather a lot to do since the start of the season, but I'll try to answer them as soon as possible — some in a future column.

Gordon H. D.

WELL DONE, UNITED

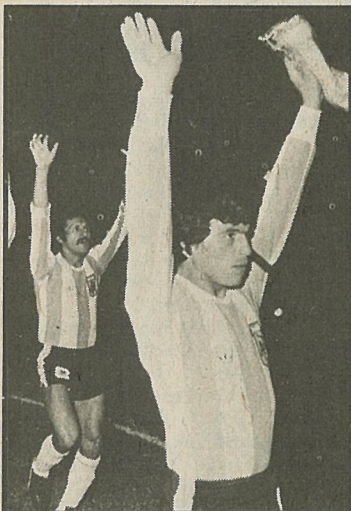
I WENT to see the recent friendly between Sheffield United and River Plate of Buenos Aires and I offer belated congratulations to all the Bramall Lane supporters. For the first time I can remember, none of the home fans abused the opponents in any way.

Polite applause greeted River, complete with World Cup stars Passarella, Fillol, Luque, Ortiz and Alonso. Fillol was given a great reception by the United fans as he ran to his goal.

The United fans, although cheering their own team, were quick to appreciate the delicate South American skills and there were chants of "River-River" and "Argentina" throughout the match.

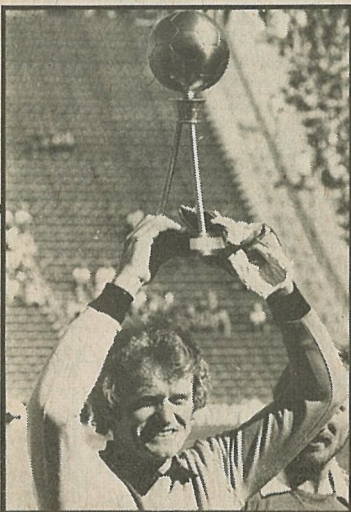
It was fitting that the Argentinian team should have such a reception. After all, the fans of the World Cup hosts were an example to everyone during June, and I hope other clubs' supporters follow the example of The Blades' fans by treating opponents with respect rather than contempt.

● Picture shows Passarella and Luque (background) acknowledging the cheers of Argentina fans.



MAIER TOPS

SEPP MAIER... the Bayern Munich and West Germany goalkeeper... with his Footballer of the Year award. Maier is 34, has won 89 full international caps, hasn't missed a Bundesliga game in 10 seasons, and has played a record 439 League games for the Bavarians.



The "Unknown" English Star Of Cosmos

AMONG the galaxy of Cosmos stars is a little-known Englishman, Gary Etherington, who is hoping to help America become a major force in international football.

Gary made a bizarre route to America via a trip by his father to Italy.

Blond-haired Gary, just 20, explained: "My father is an expert in restoring works of art. His speciality is books."

"He went to Florence when freak floods wreaked havoc with all the historical masterpieces in that city."

"The Americans were so impressed with his work, they asked him to come to Washington to do similar projects in the Library of Congress."

So a 12-year-old Gary, who comes from Fulham, but lived in Southampton, left England — and football.

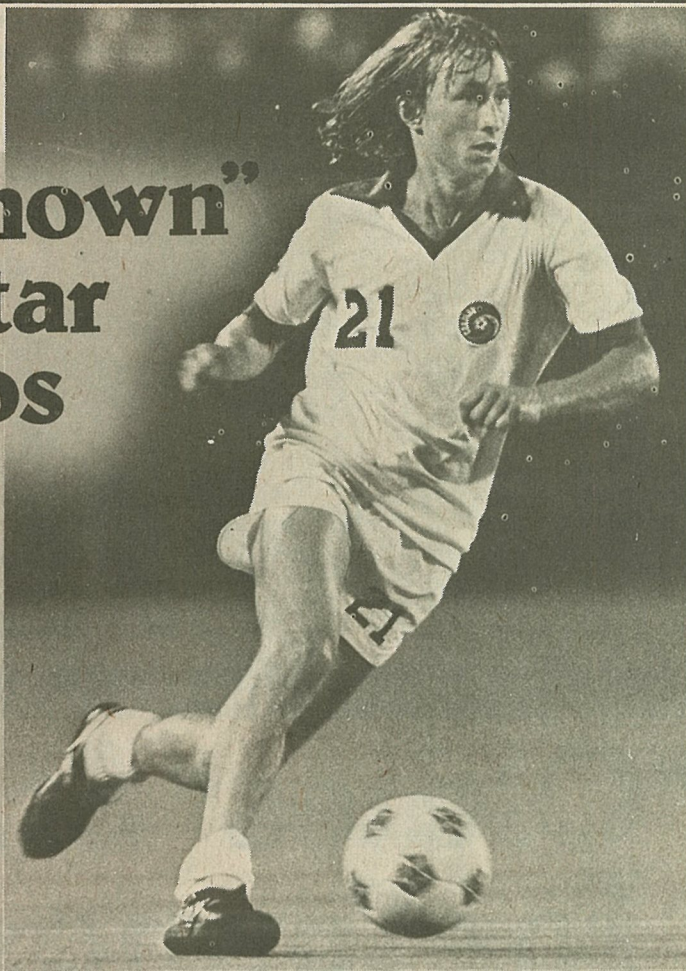
"They didn't play soccer in my first school, so I took up golf and became a three handicap player," said Gary, whose cockney has been replaced by a distinct American accent.

"But I was able to resume my interest at High School and because of my English background I stood out amongst American players. That's how I came to be drafted to the Cosmos at 18."

Gary is now an American citizen and has already made the full international side. He now hopes to be in Spain for the 1982 World Cup with the U.S.A. team.

"We only have to beat Mexico in the North American group to qualify. They are the only strong opposition."

"We should be able to do that next time and qualify for the Finals in Spain."



The game would really take-off then because the major television networks would get interested."

When SHOOT spoke to Gary, he had made 17 out of 26 starts for the Cosmos in the NASL, and had been named Rookie (new player) of the Year.

Cosmos coach Eddie Firmani had no qualms about using Gary as a deputy for highly-priced English import Dennis Tueart on the right-wing.

Gary doesn't see any possibility of following team-mate, Steve Hunt (now Coventry) into the English game.

"I'm an American now and my ambition is to see the game develop into as big a sport as it is in England."

From what we saw he could be one of the leading pioneers in a few years time.

● The Cosmos play Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on September 26th.

PLAYER DRUNK!

THE UNDER-23 side of Kuwait recently toured Brazil and during a game against Bangu, of Rio, the home side's doctor left his bag on the sidelines while treating one of his players.

Fleitah, the Kuwait midfielder, was thirsty and took a welcome (?) drink from the Bangu doctor's plastic bottle.

A few minutes later the player became dizzy and started to vomit. The bottle did not contain water; it contained medicine-alcohol!

In Kuwait — a country where alcohol is banned — plastic bottles normally contain water and this was the first time the player had ever sampled the "hard stuff"! All ended okay, though.

NEWS FLASHES

The Austrian First Division clubs have engaged for the new season 18 foreigners: six Germans, four Yugoslavs, three Danes, two Uruguayans and one each from Holland, Poland and Argentina.

The German F.A. has fined Hanover '96 £500 for playing an unregistered player — George Sagna, a negro from Senegal whom Hanover played under a false name!

Paolo Rossi has insured his legs for £2 million. The Italy striker, who did so well in Argentina, placed his business with former Italy skipper Giacinto Facchetti, who now has an insurance agency.

Surprise top scorer in Finland is Atik Ismail, a young Turk who has hit 15 goals for HJK Helsinki. Second highest scorer is Heikki Suhonen of TPS Turku. Olavi Rissanen, the international centre-forward Don Revie was so afraid of, has so far scored only six times for Kuopio PS.

Iberia Airways are advertising in Viennese newspapers weekend trips to Barcelona to see Austrian striker Hans Krankl play in League games for his new club. An all-in weekend costs £140.

PELE BETTER THAN BRAZIL!

APPARENTLY, the first-ever game in the yellow shirt of Brazil was played in 1914 — and up to, and including, the 1978 third-place play-off against Italy, Brazil have played 490 times against national, regional and club selections.

During that period, the three-times World Champions have won 317, drawn 91 and lost 82, scoring 1,177 goals and conceding 537.

Just imagine — Pele has scored more goals than Brazil!

COINCIDENCE?

THE first six teams in the West German Bundesliga all had a change of team-boss in the close-season.

Previous winners:

- 1960 Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV)
- 1961 Max Morlock (1.FC Nürnberg)
- 1962 Karl-Heinz Schnellinger (1.FC Köln)
- 1963 Hans Schäfer (1.FC Köln)
- 1964 Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV)
- 1965 Hans Tilkowski (Bor. Dortmund)
- 1966 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
- 1967 Gerd Müller (Bayern Munich)
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- 1970 Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV)
- 1971 Bertie Vogts (Borussia M'gladbach)
- 1972 Günter Netzer (Borussia M'gladbach)
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- 1974 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
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TURKISH NOT DELIGHTED

THE TURKISH F.A. have upset their top clubs with new regulations regarding foreigners. The most important is a ban on foreign coaches and managers, but in the last 20 years the Championship has been won ten times by clubs with a foreign manager-coach. The clubs can still engage up to two foreign players each, but the imports must be at least 28-years-old and be full internationals.

Unbeaten in a year

CHILEAN League leaders Palestino recently chalked up the amazing record of going a whole year without a League defeat. In this time, under the guidance of Chile's ex-World Cup manager Caupolicán Peña, they'd played 38 League games, winning 29 and drawing nine, scoring 86 goals and conceding 28.

Oddly, their League record for this season shows one defeat by surprise team O'Higgins. In fact Palestino won this match 1-0, but the F.A. reversed the result because Palestino had fielded an unregistered player.

BUSY FRENCH

IT SEEMS hard to believe, but the French had played almost a quarter of their League programme before the end of August! Racing Strasbourg had the happiest "summer season," taking 13 points from their first eight games and opening up a three-point lead over nearest rivals St-Etienne, Bordeaux, Metz and Lyon.

Meanwhile, strongly-fancied teams like Nice and Marseille were propping up the table with four and six points respectively.

Incidentally, St-Etienne set a new record during their 1-1 away draw with Paris St-Germain. When ace winger Rocheteau was injured (yet again) manager Herbin sent on an "unknown" called Paganelli. In fact, the substitute is only 15-years-old and is the youngest player ever to appear in the French First Division.

WHERE DID BARCELONA'S CASH GO?

BARCELONA sports paper "4-2-4" has put a cat among the local pigeons by revealing some "secret papers" relating to financial transactions undertaken by F.C. Barcelona's previous administration. All the details probably won't interest SHOOT readers, but it is interesting to note the exact amount of cash paid to Johan Cruyff, Johan Neeskens and manager Rinus Michels is not included in the club's accounts and even the auditors were not allowed to know the figures!

Apparently, the only people in the know are the Dutch trio themselves; ex-President Montal; and a Barcelona bank.

It's also interesting to see in the accounts for 1977, payments totalling £40,000 to Cruyff's father-in-law Cor Coster and his "secretary" Michel Basilevich.

There's also a strange matter of half a million pounds that the club paid out "on instructions from the president".

So Barcelona fans are now wondering where their money went!



Recognise him? He's Ray Clarke, the former Spurs, Swindon and Mansfield Town striker who joined Ajax for £225,000 during the summer. Spurs sold the 25-year-old Clarke to Swindon for £6,000, yet the player now owns a £65,000 house in Holland.

No Benfica Players For Portugal?

JOSE PEDROTO, who resigned last season as manager of Portugal's national team and manager of Champions FC Porto, agreed to another stint with Portugal for the European Championship (they face Scotland) after the F.A. failed to find anyone suitable who was willing.

Then Benfica dropped a bombshell by announcing their players would not be available for the national team if Pedroto was in charge! Apparently Pedroto made some remarks about Benfica and some of their players in an interview in Lisbon last season, and the Lisbon club are adamant they will not permit their players to play for Pedroto.

A poll organised by Sport asked club managers and journalists to name Czechoslovakia's team of the year based on League performances. The team was: Hruska, Ondrus, Mazura, Vaclavik, Gogh, Kozak, Moder, Jarusek, Masny, Kroupa, Ancic. To underline how things can change in two years, only Ondrus, Gogh, Masny and Moder were in the side that won the 1976 European Championship.

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The average attendance at League games in Austria last season was a mere 4,343, and despite the good showing in the World Cup by Austria, who beat West Germany, the feeling is it will drop even further because many of the home-based stars are on the move and going abroad, to swell the ranks of their "foreign legion".

THERE was no ticker-tape welcome for Dutch star Arnold Muhren on his debut for Ipswich Town.

Instead the 27-year-old midfielder was treated to a brilliant performance by the team he rates the best in Europe.

Not Ipswich, unfortunately, but Liverpool who went away from Portman Road with their first win in ten years after slamming three goals into the home net without reply.

Asked his opinion of the Anfield men after the match Muhren gasped: "Phew! They are a great team, so fast going forward. I think they are even better than before."

Champions

Muhren, who cost Ipswich £143,000, could not have chosen a more difficult first appearance. As if facing the European Champions wasn't enough, it was his first competitive game for more than two months.

During that time, while in dispute with Dutch club FC Twente, he trained regularly but he admitted: "I was a little out of touch. I had only met my team-mates in two training sessions before the match. I can do much better."

That is borne out by the pedigree of the player. After three and a half years with Ajax, where he played alongside Cruyff, Neeskens, Krol and Rep, he moved to FC Twente who have always been near the top of Holland's First Division.

Arnold Muhren—The Ipswich Bargain Buy Who Could Become A Big Name

When he couldn't agree terms, Muhren looked to be heading back to Ajax. But the Amsterdam club would not go above £100,000, far below FC Twente's valuation of the player.

"I heard about Bobby Robson being interested," says Muhren, "and I agreed to meet him for talks. Then I flew over to have a look at Ipswich with my wife."

"Mr Robson was keen to sign me in time for the European deadline but I could not rush things. I decided to return home to talk it over with my wife and promised to phone the manager within a couple of days."

"Eventually I made up my mind to come to Ipswich and I have signed a two-year contract. My first impressions of the club and the area are very favourable and I am sure I am going to enjoy it."

"Once I get to know my team-

mates it will be better. There are some differences between the football in England and Holland that I have to overcome."

"In Holland the game is like chess. We have good passers of the ball and we make a lot of use of our midfield players. But in England the ball reaches the strikers much quicker."

"I must learn to fit in with the players at Ipswich but I don't think it is a problem, as long as they give me the ball because this is when I am happy!"

Argentina

Muhren, whose brother Gerry was also with Ajax and is now with Betis in Spain, almost made the trip to Argentina in the summer with the Dutch squad.

He was in the original party of 40, was still there when manager



Ernst Happel trimmed it to 26 but lost out when the final squad of 22 was announced.

Ipswich manager Bobby Robson says: "I became so frustrated with trying to sign players in England where I was being quoted ridiculous prices, I decided to try Holland."

"I knew Arnold was available and in view of his background I think we've got ourselves a bargain. Maybe he's not as well known as Spurs' Argentinian pair but I'll let his football do the talking."

Spurs' SOUTH AMERICANS



Ricardo Villa comes out to a ticker-tape reception from the Spurs supporters

'We will benefit'

— team-mate
GLENN HODDLE



GLENN Hoddle thinks it's just a matter of time before Spurs' Argentinian stars become established First Division performers.

Hoddle, himself as skilful as any South American, said: "We said when they first came over it was going to take time to settle in, to get a pattern going and for them to feel part of the club off the field, too.

"All the lads have gone out of their way to make them feel at home. We all realised there was a lot of stress on them. Ossie — that's what we call Osvaldo — hasn't got his wife here yet, and Rickie — Ricardo — doesn't speak English. Even so, he seems to be really happy when he's with us.

"They're both talented, but nothing out of the ordinary, and what we're trying to get across to them is they should use their talent within the team framework. We don't want players trying to outdo each other.

Individual

"It's a similar situation to the one with Neil McNab a couple of seasons ago. When he first came into the side, he thought the game was all about showing off individual skills and doing his own thing.

"Last season, manager Keith Burkinshaw got it across to him there's a time for taking people on and a time when it's better to lay off a first-time pass. I'm sure Neil would be the first to admit through learning he's become a much better player. And he hasn't sacrificed any skills.

"I think the thing that has really hit them over here is the pace of the game. Ossie, particularly, doesn't find it easy to get back and cover. But it will come in time.

"A lot of fuss is being made about them, too. The Tommy Smith tackle on Osvaldo at Swansea attracted plenty of publicity and it was a bad tackle. But to be honest, if it had been on any other player, it would never have been mentioned.

"I think the influx of these players has been great for the game, but it's made it tougher for us. Other teams look at us and say 'Let's show these Argentinians we can play, too'. But in the long run, I think all of us at Spurs will benefit as well."

'A welcome addition to our game'

— PHIL NEAL
(Liverpool)



PHIL Neal faced all three of the Argentinian imports in the early weeks of the season.

His Liverpool side were knocked out of the League Cup by Alex Sabella's Sheffield United outfit, and a few days later thrashed Tottenham 7-0.

Says Neal: "I also saw Ardiles and Sabella in South America last year when England played there and Ardiles, in particular, impressed me a great deal.

"I think the thing the Argentinians find difficult is keeping up their work rate, getting totally involved in the game. Normally they like to do bits and pieces here and there.

"But in that England match, Ardiles was everywhere, and that's what really impressed me. He wanted to play all the time.

"Against Liverpool, though, neither he nor Villa was that impressive. They didn't have much chance the way we played and naturally, they're still getting used to the English game.

"I think their presence stirred us up to play even better than usual and we proved we have players just as skilful.

"Obviously, they've got ability and I don't think their coming here is going to do the game any harm at all. But one of the things that seems to have been forgotten by most people is their arrival means an adjustment for the Spurs and Sheffield United players, too.

Blend

"Everyone always thinks of the Argentinians but what about their new team-mates? They have to all blend together for it to work."

Neal doesn't believe the crunching tackle by Tommy Smith on Ardiles will prove significant, or even frightening to the Argentinians.

"They've seen rough play back home and I don't think anyone is going to intimidate them to the point where they can't play.

"So far, they've proved a welcome addition to our game and if they do well, it could lead to many more foreign players coming over. But for the time being, I think it will be just the odd one or two."

The Argentinians have been attending English classes.



— right for English football?

'A good thing'

— TONY BROWN
(W.B.A.)



WEST Brom's Tony Brown would like to reserve his judgment on the South American newcomers until after the hardest part of the British winter.

Brown, who's in the autumn of his own career, says: "I think the big test for the South Americans will come when they have to go out and play in the snow or on a mud-caked pitch."

"I should imagine the conditions in Argentina are pretty constant. In England, the conditions can vary from week to week and it's not easy to play fancy football on a dodgy surface."

"I can see the South American lads struggling once the grounds start getting cut up, but don't think I'm against them coming here. I think it's a good thing."

"I'm just not sure how things will work out in the long run. Probably the biggest asset so far has been their crowd-drawing power. They've really brought the spectators in."

"But once the initial period is over and everyone's seen them, will the fans keep coming — especially if the side aren't winning?"

Skill

From what he's seen so far, Brown doesn't think the Argentinians have much more skill than their British counterparts.

"I honestly can't see them doing anything exceptional. When you watch the World Cup on television, with matches every day for almost three weeks, you're bound to pick out some exceptional play."

"But if you were to watch a First Division game every week, it would be just the same. You'd see things that really require top class skill."

"At the moment, the players who have come here are still learning the ropes. If they can settle down — and survive our winter — it could provide a trend for the future."

"I can imagine managers will be looking abroad for players now, and not just in South America."

"At the same time, I can see players in this country wanting to go overseas to play. Mainly, they think of North America these days — but they could start thinking of further afield now."

'They'll take time to settle in'

— PETER BONETTI
(Chelsea)



PETER Bonetti doesn't like making rash judgments but he was very impressed with Tottenham's Argentinian pair in an early season local derby at White Hart Lane.

Says the 'keeper: "I don't like to judge people on one game but they both did very well against us. They're obviously skilful individuals and they play well together. If I remember rightly, they made both of the goals that day."

"One of the things that worries me about them is they had a strenuous summer with the Argentinian World Cup squad and I wonder what effect that's going to have later on."

"Often, when you have a busy summer, it starts to catch up with you about Christmas time. But they're both world class players in their own right so maybe they'll be able to cope."

"Before we went out to play them, a few of our players were saying how they were going to go out and show the Argentinians they could turn it on, too."

"I think that's a natural instinct. I remember when I was playing in North America a few seasons ago and the same kind of thing used to happen. When we faced a side with a well known name or two our lads would be spurred on to show what they could do."

"That's a good thing and overall, I believe the signing of these players is exciting for British football. But it's going to take a while for them to settle in."

Climate

Bonetti, who is hanging up his gloves at the end of this season to open up a guest house, also wonders how the players from such a sunny climate will cope with the harshness and vagaries of an English winter.

"It won't be easy for them to cope with the changing conditions, and there's no telling what physical effect it might have on them. They might find themselves suffering more injuries."

"The other factor that will decide their success is how others are playing around them, of course. They're good players — there's no doubt about that."



RICARDO VILLA



Ardiles beats Tommy Smith of Swansea during the recent League Cup game.



Villa (left) and Ardiles combine to rob Nottingham Forest's Witte (now Newcastle) during the opening game of the season.

**GOOD NEWS FOR ARSENAL FANS —
SUPERMAC IS ON THE MEND, AND
HIS TARGET THIS SEASON IS...**

200 GOALS PLUS!



Malcolm (No. 9) fires home this effort with his famous left peg against Queens Park Rangers last season.

MALCOLM Macdonald smiled, wrapped the white plaster encasing his left leg and said: "They say things happen in threes and that it's third time lucky. Well, I certainly hope so."

Arsenal's £333,000 centre-forward is recovering from the third cartilage operation of his professional football career and the second inside a matter of months.

He had one cartilage removed from his left knee in 1973, while playing for Newcastle United, one out of the right knee a few days after last May's 1-0 F.A. Cup Final defeat by Ipswich Town at Wembley, and now he has none left in that famous left peg.

But Macdonald refuses to allow what has proved a cruel injury run to get him down. He said: "As a pro footballer you must accept these things when they happen. I could mope around and brood. But that's not my style. I can't wait to get down to Highbury and begin the physiotherapy exercises which signal the beginning of my fight back to full fitness."

"Naturally I miss playing. I miss it desperately — the atmosphere, the excitement and the rest of the Arsenal lads. But on the bright side I now hope that the aggravation I have received from my left knee for so long will clear up completely."

"People ask me if it is possible to play football at the top level with three of my four cartilages missing. I know of top pros currently playing, who have no cartilages left! And I know of unfortunate players who have been forced to retire from the game after having one cartilage removed. So much depends on the extent of the injury."

The reality of the coming weeks is one of sweat and pain as Macdonald slowly completes the

necessary recovery course under the expert guidance of Arsenal physio Fred Street.

"I spent the whole summer getting over the operation on my right knee, but circumstances made it necessary for me to work at a special centre in Garston, Hertfordshire. Now I am going to be working at the club. That is something."

Recovered

The former Tonbridge, Fulham, Luton and Newcastle striker scored the 250th goal of his first-class football career during Arsenal's 1-1 draw at Manchester City on August 22. And he earned good reports after Arsenal's narrow 1-0 defeat at Everton on the Saturday of that week. The right knee had fully recovered.

But during Arsenal's shock 3-1 League Cup Second Round defeat away to little Rotherham, Macdonald felt the left knee lock ... and suspected the worst.

"I must be patient. Because once I am over this I hope to enjoy a long, uninterrupted run in the team. And I have no cause to complain. I went something like seven seasons without suffering a serious injury."

"Football is all about looking forward rather than back. And I see a bright future when I look forward to what lies in store for Arsenal. I want to be part of that."

At 28, Macdonald is an established force in League football. Only a handful of his 14 England caps earned him headlines. For the most part, his international career suffered from being used as a late, late substitute and a variety of managers in charge.

But despite the bitter disappointment of collecting three loser's medals from three Wembley Finals — two with Newcastle — Macdonald's goalscoring record is outstanding. He has scored 41 League goals in 83 First Division games for Arsenal.

Now he stands just ten goals away from the magical 200 in League games — a milestone few players reach. In fact only Southampton's Ted MacDougall and West Bromwich Albion's Tony Brown share that distinction in the First Division. And most of MacDougall's goals were scored outside the top section.

Macdonald added: "I must be realistic. I am now able to look back on a good three-fifths of whatever career God has decided I will have. That leaves a limited number of years before I retire."

"I want to reach that 200 mark ... and go beyond it. And I still want to be a winner. The day I stop believing that I will eventually achieve this ambition is the day to hang up my boots. And I am a long way from that day yet."



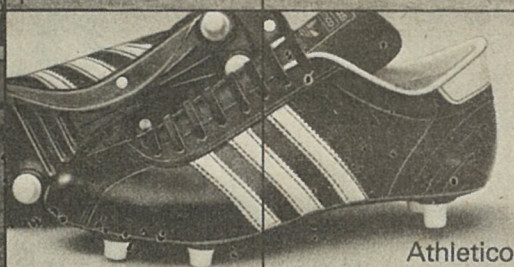
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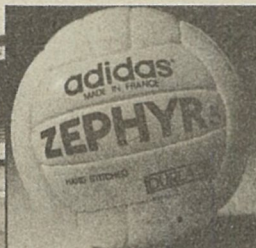
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Five More Young Saints

FOUR more lads from Southampton's now famous London Selection Centre have been signed as apprentice professionals by the club. They are Reuben Agboola (from Barbados), Jozef Blochel (Poland), Johnny Pang (Hong Kong) and Steve Richardson (West Indies) . . . a real United Nations.

They all played for Berger Isthmian League club Hampton F.C. last season. Russell Burkenshaw, also from Hampton F.C., has joined Southampton as an associated schoolboy.

WORLD CUP LESSON

THE one feature of the 1978 World Cup which British coaches and players seem to have taken to heart is the value of long-distance shooting.

Already we've been treated to some spectacular goals proving our boys can be just as devastating from outside the penalty-box as any Argentinian or Dutchman.

Tony Currie's blockbuster in the first ten minutes of Leeds United's opener at Highbury against Arsenal, was as good as anything you saw in the World Cup. In fact three of that games four goals came from shots taken outside the area — Liam Brady and Trevor Cherry hit the others — proof that a shoot-on-sight policy is prevailing.

Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables has been preaching the importance of accurate long-distance shooting — so he was especially delighted when Billy Gilbert's pot shot earned him his first League goal against West Ham.

Martin Buchan saved Manchester United against Everton at Old Trafford with a magnificent last minute long range drive.

Jimmy Mann whacked in a beauty for Match of the Day viewers to enjoy on the opening day when they screened Bolton v. Bristol City, and other less-publicised efforts showed the message from Argentina has been received in our game loud and clear.

VISITORS to Everton this season will notice one or two changes. Fences now encircle the Goodison pitch, and because of this the semi-circular areas behind the goals have been removed allowing the terracing to be replaced.

Everton's shirts also show a slight alteration from last season. The "EFC" initials have been replaced with the club badge and motto on a white background.



NEW ROLE FOR ANDY

ANDY Rolland, the popular former Cowdenbeath and Dundee United right-back, has joined Dunfermline as player-coach.

Andy was allowed to leave Tannadice at the end of last season on a free transfer in lieu of the great service he had given to the club.

He went to America during the summer where he played for Fort Lauderdale, and was later transferred to Los Angeles Aztecs in a swap deal with George Best.

Delighted to be back in the Scottish scene, Andy is enjoying his new role with Dunfermline.

THAMES Television are looking for actors who can play football. The London TV company plan to adapt Eamonn Dunphy's book "Only A Game" for their ITV Playhouse series.

Scot fact . . . Jock Wallace, the former Rangers boss, is the eighth Scottish manager Leicester have had in the last 40 years.

NEWS

Compiled by
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DESK

UNITED'S TRIPLE DEAL

MANCHESTER United's early-term triple-capture of Ulster trio Tom Connell, Phil McCandless (both from Coleraine) and Tom Sloan (Ballymena United), could prove a good long-term investment for the Old Trafford Reds.

Defender McCandless was an automatic Northern Ireland Youth-cap choice last season; brilliant midfielder Sloan, at 18, gained Under-21 honours, v. Eire, and was named Ulster's Top Young Player in '77-78, while classy Connell made his full Ireland debut, v. Wales, in May.

At a combined cost of not much more than £50,000, it seems United have got themselves a fine triple-bargain!

The Atkinson Formula For Success

AT LONG last someone has come up with the perfect formula for winning the First Division!

After his West Bromwich side had won their first two matches of the season, manager Ron Atkinson said in a radio interview. "To win the Championship you need to have a good start, improve as the season goes on, and then have a whale of a finish — then you're in with half-a-chance!"

In more serious vein, Ron could

not hide his satisfaction at the sort of start all clubs crave for.

And yet he was already wary of the menace of Liverpool, so impressive in swishing aside Q.P.R., Ipswich and Manchester City with utter disdain.

"We've made a good start, and I'll guarantee nobody will beat us without a fight, but then Liverpool don't exactly lie down either, do they?"

Atkinson is delighted at the early-season form of his younger players of whom so much is expected this season.

"Derek Statham is the best left-back in the world," he enthuses.

Maturing

And he adds with just as much pride: "Laurie Cunningham is now finding his feet in the First Division, and John Trewick and Bryan Robson without getting so many headlines are maturing as two of the best midfield men around."

"Then there's Cyrille Regis. He had his share of the limelight last season, and he'll get more goals and improve even more this time."

Atkinson is swift to point out the contributions of his more experienced players at The Hawthorns too.

"Ally Brown has run a million miles and keeps coming back for more. He's been terrific for Cyrille, and he's also scoring his share of goals."

"Tony Brown just seems to go on for ever and he'll get his usual crop of goals for us again."

With Len Cantello fit again, and Brendon Batson — Atkinson's West Indian signing from his old club Cambridge — settling down well in Paddy Mulligan's old berth at right-back, the future looks bright for West Brom and Ron Atkinson — especially now he knows the formula for success.

West Bromwich Albion captain John Wile (No. 5) and Hearts' Graham Shaw (No. 10) in action during the Tennant Caledonian Tournament in Scotland.



NAME GAME

WHAT'S in a name? When Bournemouth signed Bath City goalkeeper Ken Allen, he completed an unusual coincidence of names at the Dean Court club.

Already on the staff was Kevin Allen, an 18-year-old defender from the Isle of Wight.

During the close season Geoff Butler had been joined by Mick Butler and centre-half Roger Brown by former Barnsley player Kenny Brown. None of them is related.

Bournemouth boss John Benson joked: "I'm now looking for another Benson ..."

SOCCER SWITCHES

SWITCHING roles from striker to centre-back is now becoming as fashionable as wingers going to full-back.

Forest's Kenny Burns, having worn the number nine shirt for Birmingham on many occasions, and Gerry Armstrong of Spurs are prime examples — though the latter is now back in the front-line.

Now Peter Graham, Cambridge United's close-season signing from Lincoln, has also made the switch though he hopes it will not be permanent.

Because United had so many injuries, he played in the back-four against Northampton in the League Cup and in the club's first Second Division match against Stoke. Peter prefers to get goals rather than stop them. Still, manager John Docherty knows he has a ready-made stand-in should either of his regulars be out.

Same goes for Orient boss Jimmy Bloomfield. Joe Mayo, his big front-runner, can also play in the back-four having started his career as a centre-back. He was called on to deputise when Peter Bennett was injured in the Anglo-Scottish Cup game at Norwich.

Happy Bramall Lane

THERE was no sign of the strain of his close-season hectic Argentinian dealing as Harry Haslam, Sheffield United manager, typically kicked-off his first home match Press meeting — after the Anglo-Scottish Cup defeat of Sunderland 2-1, with both goals sickly taken by £100,000 ex-Chelsea striker Steve Finnieston — with a string of jokes.

"We've got a new calendar in the office," was his first remark. "There's no Wednesday in it ... we don't intend giving them (Sheffield Wednesday) free advertising!"

The instant partnership of Finnieston and Alan Woodward certainly looks like putting a lot of smiles around Bramall Lane this season.

WREXHAM LOST OUT

ASTON Villa and Southampton are the most consistent first-day-of-the-season scorers. They have been on the mark in Football League games on the opening day nine successive years.

Wrexham, after an 11-year sequence, lost out with a goalless draw with Brighton in their first Second Division fixture.

BY the time this season ends only three Football League clubs will have met all the others in the competition: Grimsby Town, Northampton Town and Portsmouth. But Barnsley will have played all except Oxford United, Bradford City will have faced all but Ipswich Town, and the only club Huddersfield Town have never met in the League is Mansfield Town.

FORMER Glasgow Celtic linkman Tommy Callaghan has made two signings in his first few weeks as manager of Galway Rovers. Tommy McGrain, brother of Scottish international Danny, and the experienced Denis Lymer have joined the Bass League of Ireland club.

Further signings are expected as Callaghan bids to lift Galway off the "re-election" level in their second season of senior football.

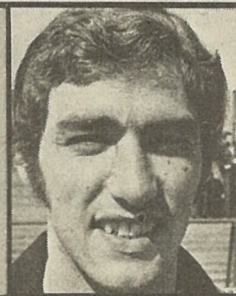
LES BRADD, Stockport County's summer signing from Notts County, already has an interesting distinction which he cannot lose for a year. Scoring in his new club's 3-0 Fourth Division home win against Darlington made him the only player in the Football League with goals to his credit on the opening day of three successive seasons.

McALLE STAYS

LAST season John McAlle was very unhappy about his future with Wolves and asked for a transfer.

He said: "It was a very difficult decision to make, but I thought I was at a point in my career I had to seriously think about my future."

"After putting in the request I had to make sure that I was in peak form in case any club came after my services. But as things turned it was for the benefit of Wolves because they have now given me a new three-year contract."



DAVID Burke, an 18-year-old left-back on Bolton's books, has two great ambitions — to play for England and to meet David Bowie.

The Liverpool-born youngster failed to reach honours at schoolboy and Youth level, but gives much of the credit for the progress he has made at Burnden Park to former Bolton coach Charlie Wright, now boss of York City.



SUPER SCOT

MAKING an impressive start to the new Scottish season is 20-year-old Aberdeen 'keeper Jim Leighton.

He has already been described as the best young goalkeeper seen for many years by Dundee United manager Jim McLean.

Considering Jim Leighton is only appearing in the Aberdeen first team as understudy to injured international Bobby Clark, McLean's comments are praise indeed.

Clearly, the young 'keeper's year in the Highland League — he was loaned to Deveron Vale last season — has stood him in good stead.

SINGING GUNNER

TERRY NEILL, manager of high-flying Arsenal, has never been afraid to give youngsters their fling at the highest level. One who came through with flying colours was 19-year-old Dublin-born full-back John Devine. He made three League appearances last term — two of them against Leeds and Liverpool!

John, who has won schoolboy and Youth caps for the Republic of Ireland, signed professional for The Gunners in October, 1976, and appears to have plenty to sing about in the future when he settles down with his favourite instrument — a guitar.

GATES UP — GOALS DOWN

GATES were up, but goals were down on the opening day of the Football League season. The 46 games were watched by 616,693 fans — an increase of 21,081 on the 1977 figures — but the total of 124 goals compared with 136 a year ago.

Boss fined himself

TOMMY Jackson, the new player-manager of Waterford, fined himself £50 after making his debut for The Blues.

And immediately warned his players to expect the same treatment if they follow his bad example on the field.

Jackson, the former Manchester United and Nottingham Forest star, was sent-off for retaliation in a pre-season four-club tournament which marked the Golden Jubilee of the Limerick junior club Shelbourne.

Even without Tommy, Waterford won the tournament. And the £50? That was handed to a club director to be shared among the ten other players.

Dream Holiday

A SOCCER player often has to spend long spells away from home as was highlighted last summer by Terry Yorath, the Wales and Coventry City skipper.

After playing in the British Championship he had to link up with his club colleagues in Japan — a trip which took him 22 exhausting hours.

But it was only when he got back home that he worked out he had been away from his wife and family for no less than two months.

He made it up to his family by taking them to the United States for a dream holiday in New York and Florida.

These players all have something in common —

Don Givens (Birmingham), Derek Hales (Charlton), Billy Hughes (Leicester), Alex Bruce (Preston), Graham Whittle (Wrexham), Brian Joicey (Barnsley) and Jack Lewis and Joe Laidlaw (both Doncaster).

All have already scored League goals this season to take them near to a career century.



NEW FAN

Glasgow Rangers' defender Tom Forsyth welcomed the arrival of a brand-new fan recently ... a baby son, David.

The wee boy joins two girls already in the Forsyth clan. Tom is shown here with his wife Linda and the new member of their team.

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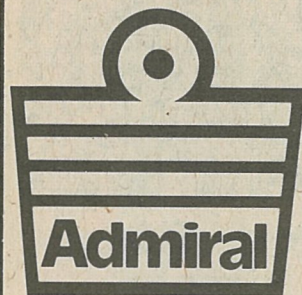
WIGAN'S opening draw, away to Hereford United in a Fourth Division game, was predictable. They were tenth of 21 newcomers to the Football League since 1922 to have shared the points from their first fixture, and the sixth to have done so 0-0. Of the other clubs, only six won.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED, the new boys of the Second Division, appear to have a really outstanding prospect in midfielder Floyd Streete.

Built like a heavyweight boxer — he stands nearly 6ft and weighs 13½st — the West Indian-born giant who comes from Aylesbury is extremely mobile as well as being powerful.

Floyd, who turned professional in July, 1976, has made rapid progress. He did well in the club's promotion season, but has really come to the fore this season.

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"LIVERPOOL are not always
magic. Sometimes they're a
mystery to me," writes Charles Keys
of Blackburn. "After a wonderful
win over Manchester City at Maine
Road on August 26th, when you
beat the fellow Championship con-
tenders by 4-1, I expected you to
murder Sheffield United, a Second
Division side who have done
nothing for years except get re-
legated, in the Second Round of the
League Cup at Bramall Lane on
the following Monday. And what
happens? You lose 1-0. Was it due
to a disastrous slump in form,
United suddenly playing out of their
skins, or because you wanted to go
out of the League Cup to concen-
trate on bigger things?"

I've chosen to lead my column
with this excerpt from Mr Key's
letter because it typifies the feelings
experienced by many shocked
Liverpool fans following the club's
sensational, unexpected result after
such a brilliant start to our season.

First, I refute the suggestion that
we weren't bothered about making
progress in the League Cup, simply
because it's bottom of our priori-
ties. At Liverpool we always
attempt to win everything—it's the
philosophy which has paid such
marvellous dividends over the
trophy-studded years.

Our defeat at the hands of Shef-
field United was partly a case of
coming up against tactics we're
unaccustomed to facing on an away
ground.

When we visit the typical First
Division club we're prepared for
them to attack. Their fans invariably
demand it. The exception is when
they are facing relegation: uncer-
tain, and desperate for a point.

Being attacked suits us perfectly.
For we're able to soak up the
pressure, and then hit the opposi-
tion when they are over-extended
and have left gaps we can exploit in
their defence. We did this against
Manchester City, and although their
'keeper Joe Corrigan performed to
his usual high standard, we suc-
ceeded in finding the target four
times.

But Sheffield United played us at
our own game—and beat us. They
sat back, and allowed us to go at
them. We fired in countless shots,
only to see them go wide, be kicked
off the line by defenders, or saved
by the young 'keeper who was out-
standing.

I had to deal with one header and
two shots before I was beaten by
one that followed an incredible
series of attempted clearances from
our area—about eight in all—
when the ball ricocheted off play-
ers—"friend" and "foe"—before
bouncing to little Gary Hamson.
Only 18, he smartly bent the ball
round me and into the net.

I'm told he doesn't score many
goals—but even if he did, I'm sure
he'll never forget the one that k.o'd
the mighty Reds.

I spoke to United's Alan Wood-
ward, a long-server with the club,
after the game while we were hav-
ing a sociable drink, and he still
couldn't believe what had hap-
pened.

But we always believe in looking
on the positive side at Anfield. After
that tremendous win at Maine
Road, we were hailed with such
praise we almost felt as though we
had already won the Champion-
ship. The shock at Bramall Lane
brought us well and truly to our
senses, forcing us to realise you
take nothing for granted in this
game.

As our manager Bob Paisley
sagely commented as we drove
away from Bramall Lane, all as sick
as the proverbial parrot: "Football
only builds you up to knock you
down."

Probably the most disappointed
Liverpool player was Alan Kennedy,
our new signing from Newcastle
United, the subject of the next let-
ter I've selected to answer from my
post-bag.

Ray Allison of Stevenage, Herts,
asks: "Have you had to change your
game in any way since Alan Ken-
nedy came into the team?"

A very perceptive question, Ray,
which shows that you know your
football. A newcomer has to adapt
to playing with different players—
and vice versa.

Because Alan is naturally left-
footed, as opposed to Joey Jones, a
right-footer, I am able to throw him
the ball more often and set him off
on the attacking runs which
brought him to the attention of our
coaches.

The first notable occasion on
which Alan played for Newcastle
United against us was in the 1974
F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, when
he came in for the injured Frank
Clark. He was one of the few
players to show some sort of form



'We were ma

'A GREAT WIN — THEN A SHOCK DEFEAT'

in a team that put on a below-par exhibition in their 3-0 defeat.

However, he impressed us more and more in League games — along with Irving Natrass, and Geoff Nulty, an "unsung hero" who rarely gets the credit he deserves for all the hard, creative work he does in defence, and whose fortunes could take a decided up-turn now he has joined Everton, our Merseyside rivals.

Alan first showed his "go for goal" qualities for us against Celtic in our pre-season testimonial match

'Jimmy Case has our hardest shot'

**RAY
CLEMENCE**
talking soccer



for their former manager, the great Jock Stein, scoring one of the goals in our win.

And that conveniently brings me to answer, belatedly, Joseph McElligott from beautiful County Kerry in Ireland, who is anxious to learn the results of our warm-up games that preceded the start of the season.

I would have thought you knew the first one, Joseph, as it was against the League of Ireland, whom we beat 4-1 after a most enjoyable game.

Then it was to Basle, in Switzer-

land, where we beat Basle 6-0.

Next stop was West Germany, to play Bayern Munich (a club whose three successive European Cup wins we hope to equal) where we drew 1-1.

From there to Vienna, for a game with F.K. Austria, losing Finalists in last season's European Cup-Winners' Cup competition, for a far from friendly game — they played over-hard — which we won 1-0.

Finally, up to Glasgow to round off a very successful pre-season "tour" by beating Celtic 3-2.

"Who has the hardest shot at Liverpool?" asks Richard Cantwell, of Farnham, Hants.

I don't have to think twice to answer that one, Richard — it's our number eight, Jimmy Case, who possesses a mighty blockbusting right foot.

Generally in training he restrains it, but sometimes he forgets himself and really lets fly. Then I do the wise thing — I get out of the way fast!

Some years back, there was a competition arranged to decide which player in the League had the most powerful shot, and I believe it was won by either Peter Lorimer or Bobby Charlton.

I'd put money on Jimmy coming out top in any competition run now.

Most of the Liverpool lads can kick a ball hard and accurately: one of the reasons why our goals are shared around the team.

The best volleyer is undoubtedly Graeme Souness, while Ray Kennedy runs Jimmy closest with a strong left foot.

"What is your biggest disappointment and your biggest thrill?" asks Douglas Young of Midlothian.

Club-wise, when we lost the Championship to Derby County in 1972. Derby had finished their programme, and the title seemed to rest between Leeds and Liverpool, both with one game to play.

Leeds were perhaps favourites, as they needed to draw with Wolves who had had a poor season; while we, visiting Arsenal, needed two points from a win.

Our game at Highbury was goal-less ten minutes from the end, when John Toshack scored what we still believe was a perfectly good goal, only for referee Fitzpatrick to disallow it.

So we had to settle for a draw, certain that Leeds had pipped us to

the title.

What a shock when word reached us that Wolves had done the "impossible" — beaten Leeds by 2-1!

That meant Brian Clough's Derby Rams became Champions, while sunbathing on a Majorca beach!

Internationally, I have two disappointments — each concerned with England failing to reach the World Cup. In 1974, when Poland knocked us out, and recently when Italy beat us to this year's Finals.

My biggest thrills came in Rome last year, when Liverpool won the European Cup for the first time — after losing to Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final only five days beforehand — and when we repeated the feat at Wembley this year.

Now for my thoughts on the two games lined up for me right now.

On Saturday, September 23rd, we travel to The Hawthorns for our League match with West Bromwich Albion, who along with us, made a great start to the season, grabbing maximum points in a string of games.

This will be a tough — but not rough — one. West Brom have many skilful players, among them the coloured lad Cyrille Regis, who has yet to produce his best form against us.

They play in a lively 4-3-3 formation, with Willie Johnston wide on the wing, supplying the crosses to Cyrille.

At the back are the dependable captain John Wile, Alastair Robertson and Derek Statham, a very promising full-back.

If we can come away with a point we'll be well pleased.

A few days later, in mid-week, we play the second-leg of the European Cup First Round at Anfield. This game could rank with our Quarter-Final against St-Etienne in 1977 for atmosphere and drama.

Here's to the sort of win that will set us up for the Second Round, the next stop to retaining the European Cup for another glorious year.

Ray Clemence

against Man. City ...



... but Sheffield United caught us out'



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SATURDAY, AUG. 26

FIRST DIVISION (Continued)

MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Kidd)
LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Souness 2, Kennedy R., Dalglish) 46,710
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Keegan, Booth, Futcher (P), Channon, Hartford, Kidd, Owen, Power.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

Q.P.R. 0
NOTTM FOREST 0 17,971
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Roeder, Gillard, Hollins (Har-kouk), Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Francis, Busby, Bowles, McGee.
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Elliott, Woodcock, Robertson.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Nicholl, Ball)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Armstrong) 20,691
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Mac-Dougall, Baker, Curran.
Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Proctor, Mills, Ashcroft (Johnston), Woof, Armstrong.

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Duncan, Armstrong)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Swain 2) 40,632
Tottenham: Daines; McAllister, Gorman, Hoddle, Lacy, Perryman, Villa, Ardiles, Armstrong, Duncan, McNab.
Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hay, Droy, Wicks, Swain, Wilkins (R), Langley, Stanley, Walker.

W.B.A. (3) 4 (Brown A. 2, Cunningham, Regis)
BOLTON (0) 0 23,237
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Robson, Regis, Brown (A), Cunningham (Johnston).
Bolton: McDonagh; Jones (P) (Jones G.), Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Worthington, Gowling, Train.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ward 2)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 19,885
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson (Brown), Gilbert, Elliott, Clarke, Ashurst, Kerr, Docherty, Lee, Roston, Rowell.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Buchanan)
OLDHAM (1) 3 (Steel 2, Hoolickin) 6,929
Cardiff: Davies; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Roberts, Grapes, Giles (Attley), Dwyer, Burns, Buchanan.
Oldham: McDonnell; Hoolickin, Blair, Wood, Hicks, Hurst, Steel, Halom, Young, Chapman, Hilton.

CHARLTON (1) 3 (Campbell, Hales 2, 1 pen.)
BRISTOL R (0) 0 7,745
Charlton: Wood; Berry, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell (Gritt), Hales, Flanagan, Peacock, Brisley.
Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Pulis, Taylor, Aitken, Dennehy, Williams, Gould, Randall (Staniforth), Barry.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Gilbert)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Taylor A.) 32,611
Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.
West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Taylor (A), Robson.

FULHAM 0
BURNLEY 0 5,407
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Banton, Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Mahoney, Money, Evanson.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon (Hall), Smith.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Christie)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley) 14,148
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kelly, O'Neill, Webb, Armstrong, Williams, Davies, Hughes, Christie (Kember).
Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Streete, Fallon, Graham, Cozens, Spriggs, Murray (Buckley), Finney, Biley.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Pearson)
LUTON (0) 0 24,112
Newcastle: Mahoney; Kelly, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Suggett, Pearson, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
Luton: Aleksic; Stephens (McNicholl), Aizlewood, Donaghy, Turner, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

NOTTS CO (2) 2 (Blockley, Vinter)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Radford) 7,774
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs, McCulloch, Mann, Hooks, Wood, Vinter.
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Fowler, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherston, Gregory, Radford, Parkes, Aston.

ORIENT (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Whittle pen.) 6,416
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Smith (Godfrey), Grealish, Gray, Hughton, Chiedoie, Banjo, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.
Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Hill, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil (Lyons), Whittle, Cartwright.

PRESTON (1) 2 (Robinson 2)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 2 (Stainrod, Sabella) 13,208
Preston: Tunks; Haslegrave, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Burns, Spavin, Thomson (Potts), Robinson, Bruce.
Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Garner, Kenworthy (Stainrod), Matthews, Speight, Woodward, Keeley, Finnieston, Hamson, Sabella.

STOKE (0) 2 (Busby, Crooks pen.)
MILLWALL (0) 0 15,176
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Conroy (O'Callaghan), Irvine, Busby, Crooks, Richardson.
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore, Allen, Tagg, Hazell, Hamilton (B), Walker, Mitchell, Pearson (Mehmet), Lee.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Walker, Fern, Cam-mack) 6,150
Brentford: Porter; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Graham (W) (Allen), Carlton, Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Walker, Kowalski, Salmons.

BURY (2) 2 (Wilson, Overton o.g.)
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Weatherly, Nicholl) 3,414
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Wilson, Stanton (Madden), Farrell, Rowland, Hilton, Taylor.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Hughes (Westwood), Armstrong, Overton, White, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Richardson, Walker.

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Lumby)
WALSALL (0) 0 4,781
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait (Ludlam), Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.
Walsall: Kearns; Paul (Clarke), Caswell, Harrison, Serella, King, Birch, Macken, Austin, Buckley, Kelly.

CHESTER (1) 3 (Mellor pen., Edwards 2)
EXETER (0) 0 3,431
Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Roberts, Hodge (Ingham), Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Goodwin)
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker) 5,500
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Goodwin, Saxby, McClelland, Miller, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Allen.
Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Walker, Fell, Polycarpou, Parker, Pountney, Morris.

OXFORD (0) 0
SWANSEA (1) 2 (James R. 2) 4,947
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, McIntosh, Jeffrey, McGrogan (Sweetzer), Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Stevenson, Toshack (Morris), Smith, James (A), James (R), Waddle, Charles, Moore.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Megson, Perrin)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Harding) 7,806
Plymouth: Burns; Bason, Rogers, Trusson, Foster, Perrin, Taylor (Levy), Megson, Binney, Fear, Johnson.



West Brom's Laurie Cunningham scored in their 4-0 win v. Bolton.

Lincoln: Grotier; Wright, Leigh, Fleming, Wigginton, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Harford, Hughes, Harding.

ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Finney, Breckin)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Davidson) 4,572
Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.
Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Pashley, Wilson, Suddaby, Thompson, Hockaday (Holden), McEwan, Spence, Davidson, Wagstaffe.

SHEFF. WED. 0
COLCHESTER 0 10,685
Sheff. W: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rush-bury, Dowd, Smith, Mullen, Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield (Leman), Owen.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie (Wright), Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Rowles, Allinson.

SHREWSBURY 0
SWINDON 0 2,672
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Loughnane, Lindsay, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.
Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Guthrie (Kamara), Williams, Bates.

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Cliff)
HULL (0) 3 (Bairster, Lord, Edwards) 1,948
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Bramhall, Evans, Palfos, Craven (Cliff), Moore, Kerr, McAuley.
Hull: Wealdens; Nisbet, DeVries, Haigh, Croft, Dobson, Hood, Horswill (Lord), Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Pritchett pen.)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Slough 2) 12,291
Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Mayes (Blissett), Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (McNiven)
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Pugh, Peachey) 8,341
Bradford C: Downsborough; Reaney, Wood, Bates, Baines, Middleton, Podd, Dolan, Jackson, McNiven, Hutchins.
Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley (Joicey), Millar, Peachey.

DARLINGTON 0
BOURNEMOUTH 0 1,890
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons (Ferguson), Seal, Probert, Wann.
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Borthwick, Johnson, Finnigan, Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bullock)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Donovan, Ford) 2,055
Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Hutt, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Nixon, Johnston, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.
Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Donovan, Lester, Mitchell, Broly.

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Goddard pen.)
STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Bradd, Lee) 2,659
Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Byrne (Sinclair), Walker, Davies, Vaughan, Thompson, Woods, Goddard, Williams.
Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Thompson, Edwards, Park, Summerbee, Loadwick, Prudham, Bradd, Lee.

READING (1) 2 (Kearns pen., Sanchez)
WIGAN (0) 0 4,788
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearns, Sanchez, Lewis.
Wigan: Brown; Gore, Smart, Davids (Crompton), Ward, Gillibrand, Corrigan, Purdie, Houghton, Wilkie, Wright.

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Owen)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Brodie) 1,026
Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Ashworth, Mullington, O'Loughlin.
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Earls, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Hooper, Dungworth, McGregor.

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Davies)
HEREFORD (0) 0 3,074
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Parsons, Davies, Green, Dunne, Coffill (Wilson), Darke, Lawrence, Murphy, Raper.
Hereford: Knight; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Marshall, Emery, Holmes (W), Holmes (K) (Phillips), Jones, Spiring, Barton.

WIMBLEDON (3) 4 (Cork 3, Leslie)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Reilly) 2,644
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Briley, Leslie, Connell, Cork, Parsons (Denny).
Northampton: Jayes; Walker, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Liddle, Christie.

YORK (0) 1 (Radall)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Laidlaw) 3,609
York: Neenan; Scott, Kay, Stronach, Faulkner, Clements, Young, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.
Doncaster: Peacock; Owen (Meagan), Bentley, Olney, Bradley, Taylor, Habbin, Lewis, Snodin, French, Laidlaw.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Hegarty)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Harper) 10,092
Dundee U: McAlpine; Stark (Kopel), Stewart, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Addison, Frye, Holt, Payne.
Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald (Fleming), Harper, Jarvie, Davidson (Scanlon).

HEARTS (1) 1 (Park)
HIBS (0) 1 (McLeod) 20,000
Hearts: Brough; Fraser, Jeffries, McNeill, Liddell, Shaw, Park, Bannan, Gibson, Tierney, Prentice.
Hibs: McDonald; Kilgour, Smith, Bremner, Fleming, McNamara, Murray (O'Brien), McLeod, Duncan, Callaghan, Higgins.

MORTON (0) 1 (Ritchie)
ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (McGarvey, Fitzpatrick, Abercrombie) 12,000
Morton: Connahan; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller (McNeill), Thomson, Scott, Ritchie (Rae).
St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark (Young), Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Edvaldsson o.g.)
CELTIC (1) 5 (Cunn 2, Aitken 2, McAdam) 19,710
Motherwell: Latchford; Millar, Wark, Boyd, Mackin, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, McLaren, Lindsay.
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Doyle, Glavin, McAdam Burns, Conn.

RANGERS 0
PARTICK 0 25,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Jackson, Johnstone, Watson, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Marr, McAdam, Campbell, Houston, Gibson (McDonald), O'Hara (Melrose), Somner, Craig.

MONDAY, AUG. 28

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round)

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Hamson) 35,753
Sheff. U.: Conroy; Cutbush, Garner, Keeley, Matthews, Speight, Woodward, Stainrod, Finnieston (Franks), Hamson, Sabella.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes, Dalglish, Case (Fairclough), Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Second Round, first-leg)

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Livingstone) 950
EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (Docherty)

TUESDAY, AUG. 29

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Gallagher, Francis)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 5 (Boyer 2, MacDougall 2, Peach)

Birmingham: Montgomery; Page (Towers), Pendrey, Emmanuel, Gallagher, Broadhurst, Barrowclough, Francis, Bertschin, Ainscow, Givens.
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Andruszewski, Curran.

BOLTON (1) 2 (Worthington 2, 1 pen.) 10,499
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Langley)
Bolton: McDonagh; Graham, Burke, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Worthington, Train.
Chelsea: Bonetti; Lock, Harris, Hay, Droy, Wicks, Swain, Wilkins, Langley, Stanley, Walker.

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (O'Sullivan) 16,748
MILLWALL (0) 0
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner (Poskett), Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore (Lee), Allen, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton (B), Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Mehmet.
BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Ritchie)
C. PALACE (1) 2 (Murphy, Swindlehurst)

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Mann, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle (Garland), Pritchard, Whitehead.
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Nicholas, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Cochrane) 9,167
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Hutchins)
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Morley, Smith.
Bradford C: Downsborough; Reaney, Wood, Bates, Baines, Middleton, Podd, Dolan, Jackson (Watson), McNiven, Hutchins.

EVERTON (3) 8 (Latchford 5, 1 pen., Dobson) 23,137
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Everton: Wood; Robinson, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Nulty, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh (Ross), Thomas.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

EXETER (0) 2 (Bowker, Delve) 4,005
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Gregory)
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randall, Giles, Roberts, Hodge, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Fowler, Keeley, Waddington, Garner, Gregson, Radford, Fazackerley, Aston.

FULHAM (2) 2 (Mahoney, Davies) 3,894
DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Craig, Wann)
Fulham: Peyton; Strong, Lock, Money, Banton, Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Mahoney, Margerison (Boyd), Evanson.
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons, Seal, Probert, Wann.

WIGAN (0) 0 6,618
Luton: Aleksic; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Turner, Price, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
Wigan: Brown; Gore, Smart, Seddon, Ward, Gillibrand, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Wilkie (Davids), Purdie.

MAN. CITY (0) 2 (More o.g., Palmer) 21,481
GRIMSBY (0) 0
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Power, Keegan, Booth, Futcher (P), Channon, Owen, Futcher (R) (Viljoen), Hartford, Palmer.
Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Donovan, Lester, Mitchell, Cumming (Liddell).

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 12,803
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mohoney, Boam, Ramage, Proctor, Mills, Ashcroft, Woof (Johnston), Armstrong.
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Syles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 3,991
HEREFORD (0) 0
Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Saunders (Walker), Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Bryant, Christie.
Hereford: Hughes; Burrows, Price, Cornes, Marshall, Emery, Holmes (W), Holmes (K), Jones, Spiring, Barton.

OLDHAM (0) 0 13,793
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0
Oldham: McDonnell; Hoolickin (Edwards), Blair, Gardner, Hicks, Hurst, Steel, Halom, Young, Chapman, Heaton.
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Naeedham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Elliott, Woodcock, Robertson.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Fisher) 4,667
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Fern, Cammack)
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Hughton, Chiedoie (Godfrey), Banjo, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.
Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Kowalski, Fern, Salmon, Walker.
PRESTON (1) 1 (Fisher) 14,913
Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Baxter o.g., Eastoe 2)
Preston: Tunks; Haslegrave, Williams, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Burns (Potts), Spavin, Robinson, Thomson, Bruce.
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Eastoe, Francis, Busby, Bowles, McGee.

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Gwyther, Green, Finney) 10,481
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Stapleton)
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, MacDonald, Stapleton, Rix.

SWANSEA (2) 2 (James R., Charles) 24,335
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Hoddle, Armstrong)
Swansea: Crundington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Morris, James R., Curtis, Waddle, Moore (Murustik).
Tottenham: Daines; McAllister, Naylor, Perryman, Lacy, Hoddle, Ardiles (Armstrong), Villa, Duncan, McNab, Taylor.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley pen.) 4,519
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Peacock, Flanagan)
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, King, Birch, Clarke, Austin, Buckley, Kelly.
Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Berry, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Brisley, Hales, Flanagan, Peacock, Gritt.

WATFORD (0) 2 (Blissett 2) 15,532
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Pearson)
Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Both, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Mercer, Jenkins, Joslyn (Blissett), Downs.
Newcastle: Mahoney; Kelly, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Suggett, Pearson (McGhee), Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

W.B.A. (0) 0 25,064
LEEDS (0) 0
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A) (Martin), Regis, Cunningham, Johnston.
Leeds: Stewart; Madeley, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Stevenson, Hampton, Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeil pen.) 12,428
NORWICH (2) 3 (Roberts o.g., Ryan 2)
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer (Williams), Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Chivers, Robson, Peters.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shelton) 31,152
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.



Two goals from Frank Worthington helped Bolton to beat Chelsea 2-0 in the League Cup.

Sheff. W.: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Smith, Mullen, Porterfield (Owen), Tynan, Johnson, Hornsby.

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Davidson 2) 10,029
IPSWICH (0) 0
Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Hockaday, Ronson, Spence, Davidson, Wilson.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Parkin (Lambert), Wark, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Edwards, Mellor) 8,598
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thompson)
Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.
Coventry: Sealey; Osgood, McDonald, Beck (Thompson), Holton, Gillespie, Bannister, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

CREWE (0) 2 (Wilshaw, Davies) 3,178
NOTTS. CO. (0) 0
Crewe: Caswell; Hughes, Cheetham, Bevan, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies, Roberts, Nelson, Purdie, Wilshaw.
Notts. Co.: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs, McCulloch, Mason, Hooks (Hunt), Mann, Vinter.

LEICESTER (0) 0 16,827
DERBY (0) 1 (Hill)
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly, Hughes, Goodwin, Christie (Davies), Williams, Armstrong.
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, McCaffrey, Daniel, Nish, Ryan, George, Hill (Chesters).

OXFORD (1) 1 (Seacole) 4,255
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Fear)
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
Plymouth: Burns; Bason, Rogers, Brennan, Foster, Perrin, Megson, Fear, Harrison, Trusson, Johnson.

READING (0) 1 (Earles) 13,107
WOLVES (0) 0
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearns, Sanchez, Lewis.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Daniel, Palmer, Parkin, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Rafferty, Eves (Bell), Daley.

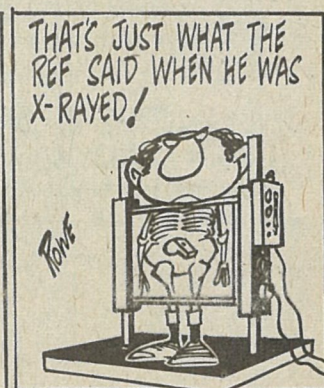
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Thompson pen., Park) at Old Trafford
MAN. UTD. (1) 3 (Jordan, McIlroy, Greenhoff J. pen.) 42,384
Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Thompson, Park, Edwards, Summerbee, Halford, Bradd, Loadwick, Lee.
Man. U.: Roche; Greenhoff (B), Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Grimes.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0 12,368
STOKE (2) 2 (Doyle, Irvine)
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Elliott, Ashurst, Kerr, Greenwood, Entwistle, Gilbert, Rowell.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks (Busby), Richardson.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Robson) 19,672
SWINDON (0) 2 (Miller, Guthrie)
West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Taylor (A) (Pike), Robson.
Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Guthrie (Kamara), Bates, Williams.

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NOBBY



'No regrets at joining Wigan'

says IAN PURDIE

IAN Purdie, Wigan Athletic's first Football League signing from Motherwell, looks upon his excursion into English football as a challenge.

"I don't think there'll be any problems in adjusting," says Ian, "at least, I hope not. At the moment they're all new faces except for defender Noel Ward. He's the only player I really know. I played with him for two seasons when we were at Aberdeen together."

How did the move come about? "I think the Wigan boss, Ian McNeill, had seen me when I was playing with Aberdeen. He phoned me and asked me to come to Springfield Park to speak with him."

"He told me I'd spent a long time in Scotland and it would be a different arena and a fresh start for me."

Ian, 25, arrived at Wigan in June, on a free transfer, but there were snags. "Dundee United and Partick Thistle showed an interest," he explained, "and after I'd had talks with them Motherwell's manager, Willie McLean, said he couldn't let

me go to another Scottish club for nothing. He didn't actually cancel my contract; he just held on to it. He would only let me go to an English club on a free transfer and that's why I came."

"I'm delighted to be here at Wigan. I took a liking to the place

straightaway. I think the facilities are good. It's a friendly club with a real family atmosphere."

Purdie, a Scottish Under-23 international, began his career with Aberdeen and made his



League debut with the Pittodrie club as a raw 17-year-old. Six years later he moved to Dundee and after two seasons left for Fir Park.

"I played about 35 times for Motherwell," he says, "but whilst I was there I suffered a lengthy injury which kept me out of action for five months."

"My true position lies in midfield, but up to now everybody has kept me playing on the wing. I'm hoping to change all that by making the middle of the park position my own."

"The left foot is my strong point and naturally I prefer to play on the left hand side. My weakness is I've no right foot — I just use that for standing on. At heading and passing I think I'm average and on the goalscoring front I've been notching around 12 each season... I'm waiting for the Press boys to size me up on my abilities," he quips.

"I've no regrets whatsoever at leaving Motherwell, even though it is my home town team. Up to now there haven't been any highlights, because I haven't won anything. On the other hand there haven't really been any disappointments either."

'Enjoy'

"I'm 5' 10" and weigh 11½ stone, so I'm pretty athletic. The training at the clubs has always kept me fit and sharp. Not much angers me about the game; in fact, I enjoy every minute of it."

"Fellow Scotsman, Kenny Dalglish, is the player I admire most. I think he's the tops."

"My aim is to do well in the Fourth Division. I know I haven't been here all that long, but there's a definite air of optimism and enthusiasm around the place. We all feel the same; the obvious target is promotion. It's difficult to forecast, but I think we'll do well in our first Football League season."

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JIM SMITH, now in his first full season of Division One management, has made it quite clear Trevor Francis will not be sold to finance any future transfers — Smith has already turned down a £700,000 bid for Francis.

Smith could have financed his ambitious attempt to sign the Brazilian World Cup star Dirceu and cleared the club's overdraft in the process. But the thought of accepting the bid hardly crossed his mind.

"I turned down the £700,000 offer because players of Trevor's quality are worth more than money to a club. I feel at this stage you have to hang on to your best players. One reason why we've been looking abroad is there is a shortage of world class players in this country. We've got one and we're determined to hang on to him.

"Trevor seems happy at the moment. He's got two years to run on his contract as well as his benefit coming up.

He is a tremendous player. You watch him in training and the way he moves is just thrilling. He's the king of the Midlands and don't forget he's a very well paid member of a big city club. No doubt he would prefer to be at a more successful club, but I'm hopeful very soon Birmingham City will rank among them."

Responded

Jim Smith's appointment in the middle of March stimulated Birmingham into a late run that took them away from possible relegation to a respectable eleventh place. Blues only lost one match out of 12 — at home to Manchester City — his team won at Derby, Bristol City, Wolves and Leicester and in the last match of the season took a point off the crowned Champions Nottingham Forest. And Trevor Francis responded with nine goals in those last 12 games.

"In general terms I feel we've made tremendous progress. The club really wants to go forward. We've built 12 new boxes on the ground, we've put in 500 new seats, a sprinkler system and new toilets. Everything has been smartened up and there seems to be a general air of well-being in the club."

And yet Jim Smith's arrival at Birmingham was greeted by rebel fans organising a walkout from the home match with Arsenal and public meetings in Birmingham Town Hall. The club board were the target for this

THE 'NEW WORLD' OF JIM SMITH

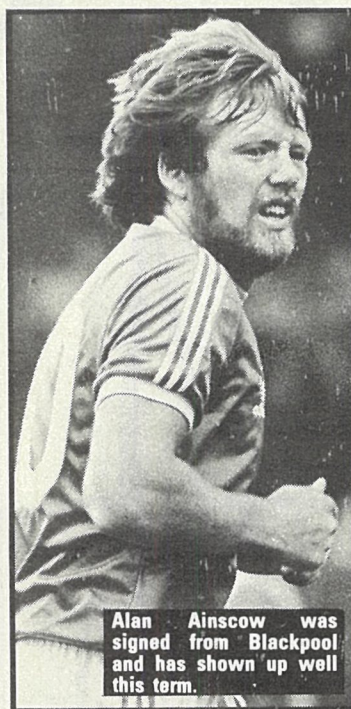
— Birmingham City manager



hostility, not Smith himself, and although the protests died down when the results improved, Smith could have been forgiven for wondering if he had made the right decision to leave Blackburn Rovers — who at the time were in with a good chance of promotion.

"I never felt that at any moment. Even after our poor start, I still feel tremendously excited at being manager of Birmingham City. I know people all over the country will look at our first few results and say immediately Birmingham are going to struggle again. I'm sure we're not. I'm positive we're going to come out all right. Perhaps some of my players tried too hard in those early games and didn't relax.

"Our pre-season results were very good but, perhaps, they were a bit misleading because we never had a settled team. I think the pre-season



Alan Ainscow was signed from Blackpool and has shown up well this term.

Blackburn, I find myself in a totally different world. I'm in Britain's second city and it's a bit unusual for me to be instantly recognised wherever I go. Mind you I don't think the general running of a football club is any different whether you're at Halifax, Blackburn or Birmingham.

"I've got to be honest — I do enjoy the recognition. You're in the game to compete at the highest level and I'm just delighted at being given the opportunity to do so."

Jim Smith had already made four signings before he made any move for Dirceu. Goalkeeper Neil Freeman from Southend, who will understudy Jim Montgomery — "One for the future," according to Smith. "Neil has been really impressive so far — eventually I'm sure he'll be a very good 'keeper."

Appearances

From Queens Park Rangers, Smith bought Eire international Don Givens who scored 76 goals in 242 first team appearances for Rangers.

"Perhaps it's my fault Don didn't hit it off straight away in our League games. I played him in midfield and up-front. But Don is a quality player and his character is right. He's fitted in really well with the other players."

In the close season, Smith also signed Stewart Barrowclough from Newcastle — "Stewart is another good professional with the right sort of character — he's done well in our early games."

And the last of the quartet is Alan Ainscow who made nearly 200 first team appearances for Blackpool and scored 28 goals. "Alan is a utility player who can do a good job in midfield or up-front. I bought him to strengthen the squad, he's a young player but he pushed his way into the team. Individually the new men have all pleased me — despite those early disappointing results."

Tony Towers of Birmingham beats Gordon Cowans (number 10) and Dennis Mortimer to the ball during last season's local derby at St. Andrews. Blues won 1-0.



period should always be used for improving team-work and we never had the opportunity to do that because of injuries and Trevor being in the States, I couldn't field a settled side.

"Once we establish a pattern and fit all the pieces together, we'll do well."

Birmingham's immediate success when Smith arrived led the fanatical Midlands public to expect a lot from Blues this season. Aston Villa have had the glory in Birmingham for too long for their liking — Smith was the man to succeed where Freddie Goodwin and Willie Bell had failed.

"The public thought everything I touched would turn to gold and it's not like that in football. Compared to

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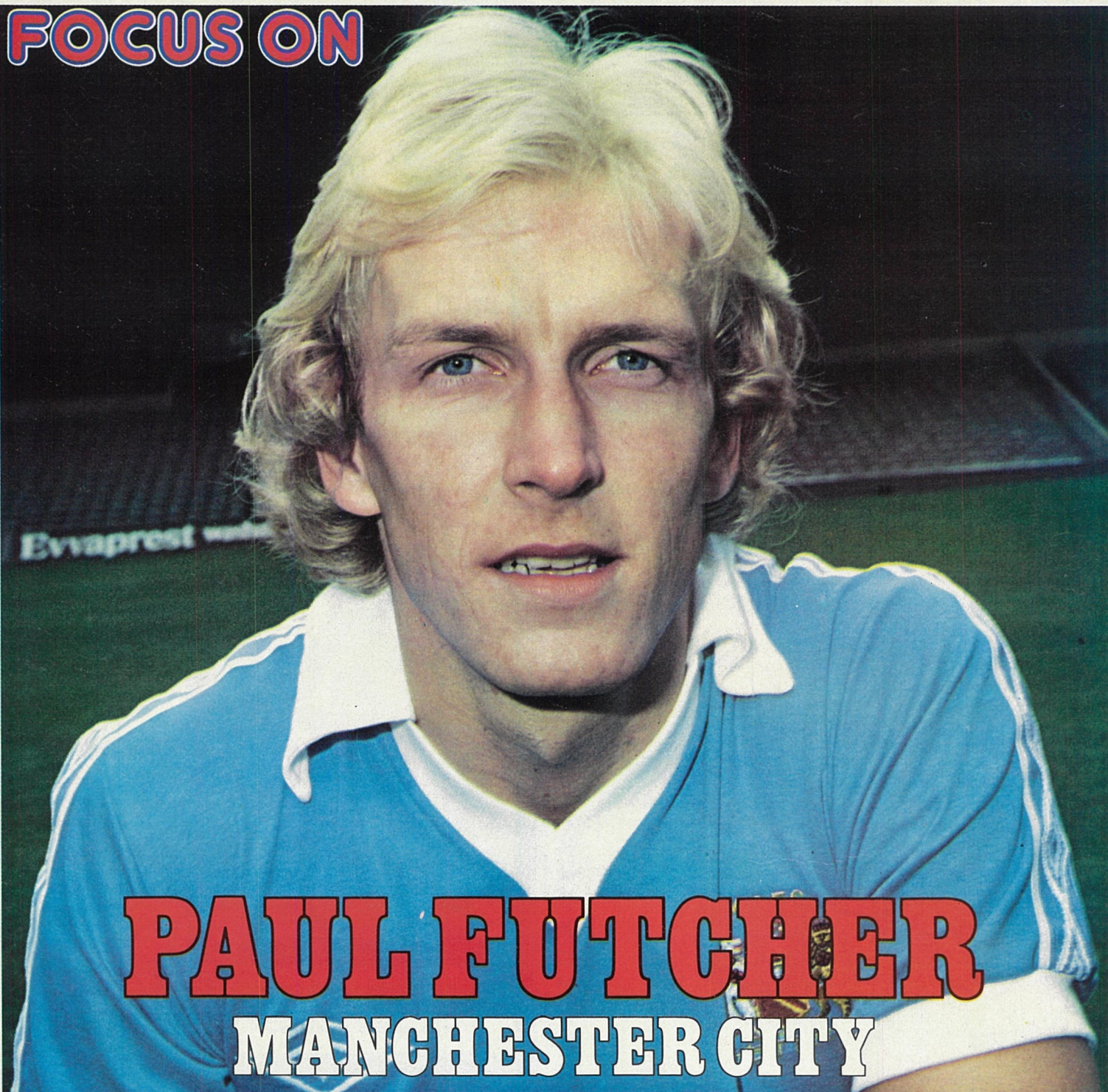
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HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chester and Luton
MARRIED: Yes, to Colette
CHILDREN: None
CAR: VW Golf
FAVOURITE PLAYER: My twin brother Ron
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Don't have one
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Whoever I face next
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: England v. Wales in an Under-21 international
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for the above game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing

part of last season through a car crash I was involved in
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Yugoslavia
FAVOURITE FOOD: Liver and onions
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to records
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad time-keepers and women drivers
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Any sports programmes and Happy Days
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Beatles and Diana Ross
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Katharine Hepburn
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have quite a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents, Harry Smith a close friend, my former manager Harry Haslam and Cliff Sear, youth team coach at Chester
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: The journey home after a defeat

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Ten England Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and to play for as long as possible
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WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Nobody really

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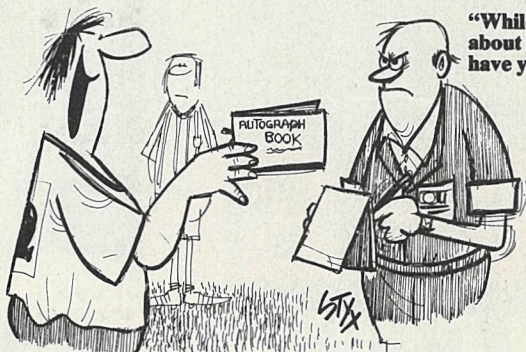
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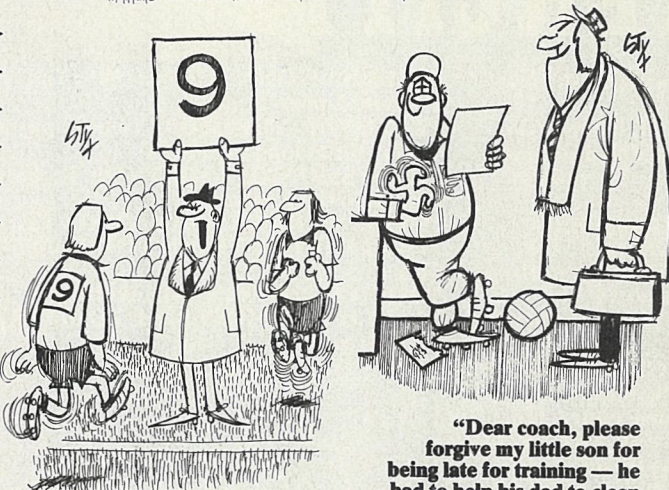


"But he couldn't have hit you in the face with the ball on purpose, ref — he hasn't got that kind of skill"

"You're a sort of round peg in an oblong hole — aren't you?"

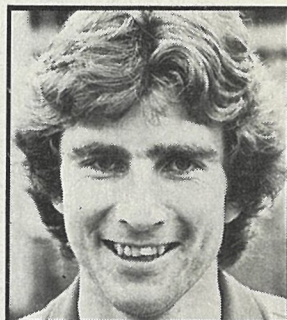


"While we're about it — can I have yours?"



"Not you, twit — I'm calling off number 6"

"Dear coach, please forgive my little son for being late for training — he had to help his dad to clean out the pigeon loft"



This week JOE WARD of Clyde selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

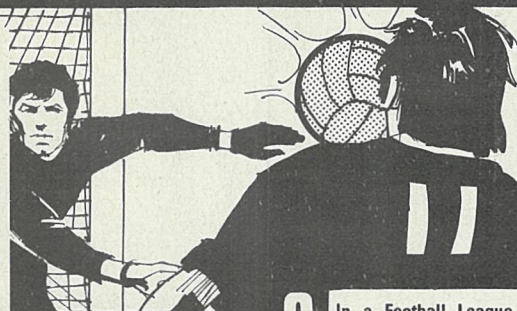


YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

A 'keeper catches the ball inside his penalty-area and then deliberately and violently throws the ball into the face of an opponent. Should you give (a) a penalty or (b) an indirect free-kick?



2

A player deliberately turns his back to an opponent when he is about to be tackled, so the opponent charges him. Should you award (a) an indirect free-kick, (b) direct free-kick or (c) allow play to continue?



4

A player taking a penalty-kick passes the ball forward for a colleague to run into the area and score. Should you (a) give a goal or (b) order a retake?



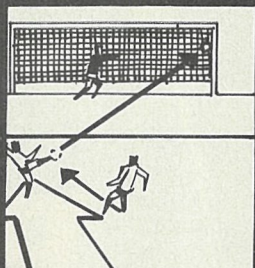
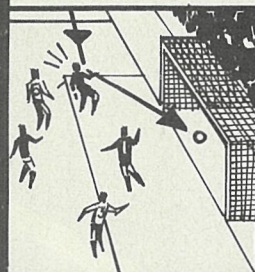
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If the ball is rolling when a free-kick is taken should you (a) stop play and ensure the ball is still or (b) allow play to continue?



3

In a Football League match the referee is struck by the ball which temporarily stuns him, and the ball enters the goal. Should the goal stand although you did not see it? (a) yes or (b) no.



ANSWERS

1 Penalty (a). 2 Unfortunately in our country there is not enough fair hard tackling going on. I am sure the supporters want the game to get on. I must admit I am apt to agree with them. There are far too many stoppages in our game and when given a free-kick are not worried if the ball is dead as long as the game keeps flowing. up and score. 5 The Law states the ball must be stationary (a), although Continental players everyone was astounded to see the kicker just tapping the ball forward for his colleague to run are in their correct positions. I remember this happening to me in a local League match and had a go at the ref for getting in the way. 4 A goal should be given (a) as long as all the players be able to confirm the goal was properly scored. Mind you, this season in a match at Millwall, behind (c). 3 Yes (a). As this was a League match there would be neutral linesmen who would this case, as long as the charge is not violent or dangerous, it is permissible to charge from 1 Penalty (a). 2 Unfortunately in our country there is not enough fair hard tackling going on. In

'NO REASON TO LEAVE SPURS'~ says "veteran" captain Steve Perryman



YOUTH seems to spring eternal for Spurs skipper Steve Perryman. He looks as fresh-faced and as innocent as the day he turned heads on the White Hart Lane terraces when he forced his way into the star-studded Spurs side of the late Sixties as a 17-year-old.

The cherub expression of Steve Perryman makes it near impossible to believe this is actually his testimonial season.

In reality Perryman's appearance belies his "veteran" tag at Tottenham.

For the Londoner, who has led the Spurs side through the past three traumatic years, has played more games at Spurs than anyone else at the club.

Since the departure of Pat Jennings to neighbours Arsenal, Perryman is clearly ahead in the appearance stakes.

Who would believe when this season is over, barring any unfortunate mishaps, Perryman will be within striking distance of the magical 500th game for his one and only club?

But the truth is that Perryman, incredible as it may seem, had accumulated 443 games for Spurs before the season kicked-off.

The complete breakdown was 350 League games and 93 in major Cup-ties. He has scored, incidentally, 22 League goals and just seven in the Cup-ties.

Steve Perryman proudly points to those impressive figures as living proof he has earned the right to his testimonial.

For Perryman, not without a small section of critics within the "season ticket contingent" of the White Hart Lane crowd, can already hear the moans: "Surely he's too young for a testimonial?"

Perryman, who will be 27 in December, is the youngest Spurs star granted the honour of a testimonial.

"But don't forget," reflects Perryman, "that I was first in the Spurs side at the age of 17."

"What's more I've been with the club since the age of 15. I've every right to a testimonial having ten years loyal service with the club."

"There have been many cases of testimonials granted to players who have played far less games than I have for my club."

"I've played more times than some players having testimonials at the age of 35!"

Really Steve Perryman doesn't need to defend something that is his right. But Perryman has always

gone out of his way to be a diplomatic captain, more than willing to spell out to the fans the reasons for certain policies at his club.

For that reason Perryman has proved a valuable skipper in the public relations sense as well as a leader by example on the field.

Perryman's on the field value is the envy of the top managers in the game.

Liverpool have often chased him, and this summer Arsenal have also made an attempt to lure him from Spurs.

The Gunners' boss Terry Neill actually appointed Perryman to the job of captain at Tottenham. But Perryman says: "Manager Keith Burkinshaw has kept me informed of all developments. I'm grateful for that. But I see no reason for leaving Spurs."

In fact Perryman has been offered a three year extension of a contract that still has one year to run.

Agreement

Perryman hasn't rushed to sign the long term deal, not because he envisages a move, but because he sees no obstacle to negotiating a shorter agreement when his present contract expires.

He explains: "The three year contract would take me to the age of 30 and provide Spurs with virtually all the best years of my playing career. Well, that's fine."

"But the big drawback about signing such a long term deal is that you are open to the whims of inflation and could be caught out."

"In favour of such a deal is its long term security and protection against injury."

"I've been a one club man all my career and never given a thought to a transfer."

"Then I look at John Hollins, who was also associated solely with Chelsea until he built a new career at Q.P.R. There is no reason why I should copy that, but there is equally no reason to commit myself to Spurs for so long."

Meanwhile Perryman's big game at White Hart Lane is likely to take place near the end of Spurs return to the First Division scene where they belong.

There were overtures made to the Cosmos to play at White Hart Lane at the end of September.

But that 35,000 dollar deal fell through because Cosmos were committed to a match at Stamford Bridge on the same day.

MIKE Elwiss, Crystal Palace's £200,000 buy from Preston North End, has shown in the club's early season fixtures he could provide the vital ingredient required to lay a tasty promotion dish before the Selhurst fans by the end of April.

Elwiss, the costliest signing in Palace's history, has delighted manager Terry Venables with his aggressive attack, unselfish attitude, and a bear-claw sharpness in the box that will give goalkeepers plenty of bother this season.

Doncaster-born Mike, who skippered North End to Second Division promotion last term, was the driving force behind the Deepdale team's success, and with a number of First Division clubs interested in his future, it seemed only a matter of time before the 24-year-old Yorkshireman's dream of breaking into the top-grade became reality.

Surprisingly, however, the big striker elected to gamble on a First Division future with the brilliant Venables and the talented youngsters he is moulding into tomorrow's heroes.

"A lot of people inside and outside the game couldn't understand why I settled for Palace," explained Elwiss, "especially as I was leaving one Second Division club for another. I had four enjoyable years at Preston, first under Bobby Charlton, and then Nobby Stiles, whom I really rate. A marvellous motivator, Nobby, and it gave me tremendous pleasure to lead his team back to the Second Division. But, quite honestly, I

a world of difference to the very talented youngsters who were seeking to establish themselves in the League team, and that was why he had come to talk to me in Malaga.

"Palace are a marvellous club — they really are! And the quality of these boys who are coming through to the first team makes it easy to understand why they won the F.A. Youth Cup two seasons running, and why the boss is so optimistic about the club's future."

Pipped

"Last season I finished up with 17 goals for Preston, and I'm hoping to have as much scoring success with Palace. The Second Division is going to be a very tough competition this term, with teams like Leicester, West Ham, Newcastle, Stoke, and last season's strong promotion challengers, Brighton, who were only pipped on goal difference by Spurs, all determined to be First Division clubs by next May."

"Ever since I joined Doncaster Rovers from school, I've wanted to reach the top. I thought I'd made it four years ago, when Liverpool wanted to sign me, but they had a change of mind, and the deal fell through."

"Nobby Stiles promised me last season if we won promotion, he'd let me go, and everyone took it for granted it would be to the First Division. Perhaps it might have been if Terry hadn't had that talk with me in Malaga. What he told

MIKE ELWISS- Palace's Most Costly Player Ever

couldn't see them challenging for a promotion spot this season.

"I was on holiday in Spain when Terry Venables turned up at the hotel in Malaga where I was staying. The previous day he had been given the go-ahead from the Preston board to approach me about a transfer to Palace."

"He had also brought with him Charlie Simpson, the club physiotherapist, so I could have a thorough medical check-up before signing! It is positive thinking like this that has made my new boss one of the most-talked-about young managers in football."

Influence

"He told me what he has now, at Selhurst Park, is one of tomorrow's great sides, but he needed one for today, which was why he signed goalkeeper John Burridge from Aston Villa, who is a great influence. I'll vouch for that, for in the short time I've been at Selhurst, I've found John to be a terrific bloke. Full of fun, full of chatter (we call him 'Budgie') and a cracking goalkeeper."

"Terry pointed out what he wanted now was a very good player up-front to give his youngsters a lift, a player of character. Such a player, he felt, would make

me about his ambitions, his belief that his teenagers, as they gain in experience and strength, will take the club back to the First Division, and keep it there, convinced me that with this manager and this club, I had a real chance of making my own dreams come true."





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As a boy, he played for Dagenham, London and Essex schoolboys and went on to win England schoolboy caps. It was

Peters went on to play in all four of England's World Cup matches in Mexico in 1970.

At White Hart Lane he added a U.E.F.A. Cup and two League Cup winners awards to the European Cup-Winners' Cup medal he won with West Ham.

Spurs sold him to Norwich City for a bargain £40,000 in March, 1975. At Carrow Road, Peters linked up with his old team-mate John Bond, the Norwich manager.

Bond has a remarkable gift of getting the best out of experienced "war horses" like Peters.

He has been in tremendous form for The Canaries as his appearance

PETERS STILL GREAT

not long before Peters came under the eagle eyes of the local West Ham scouts and he became an apprentice professional in May, 1959.

In the West Ham side at that time were men who went on to become well-known managers: John Bond, Noel Cantwell, John Lyall, Malcolm Musgrove and Andy Nelson. Former centre-half Ken Brown is assistant-manager to John Bond at Norwich.

Peters signed professional in November, 1960, and once he had made his League debut was a regular member of the West Ham side.

In the 1962-63 season, his first full season in the West Ham side, he won the first of his five England Under-23 caps.

His first full cap for England was against Yugoslavia at Wembley on May 4th, 1966, with England winning 2-0 with goals from Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charlton.

It was the start of an England career that was to win him 67 caps, the last being against Scotland at Hampden Park on May 18th, 1974. He scored 21 goals in those games wearing an England shirt.

Peters played in five of England's six World Cup Finals matches in 1966, ending with a goal in the 4-2 victory over West Germany in the Final.

Even Sir Alf Ramsey, then the England manager, who made that now famous statement: "Peters is ten years ahead of his time" could not know that this remarkable player would still be turning in top-class performances 12 years after!

On March 16th, 1970, Peters moved to Tottenham in an exchange deal worth £200,000, then the transfer record, with Jimmy Greaves going to West Ham as part of the deal.

That Tottenham got the better of the deal there is no doubt. As



Season	Club	L. App.	GOALS			
			League	FA Cup	L'ge Cup	Total
1961-62	West Ham	5	—	—	—	—
1962-63	West Ham	36	8	—	1	9
1963-64	West Ham	32	3	—	—	3
1964-65	West Ham	35	5	—	—	5
1965-66	West Ham	40	11	—	3	14
1966-67	West Ham	41	14	—	2	16
1967-68	West Ham	40	14	2	2	18
1968-69	West Ham	42	19	3	2	24
1969-70	West Ham	31	6	—	—	6
1969-70	Tottenham	7	2	—	—	2
1970-71	Tottenham	42	9	2	4	15
1971-72	Tottenham	35	10	2	3	15
1972-73	Tottenham	41	15	1	5	21
1973-74	Tottenham	35	6	—	—	6
1974-75	Tottenham	29	4	—	—	4
1974-75	Norwich C.	10	2	—	—	2
1975-76	Norwich C.	42	10	2	1	13
1976-77	Norwich C.	42	7	—	—	7
1977-78	Norwich C.	34	7	—	—	7
Totals		619	152	12	23	187

*Some records give Peters only 13 League goals, but the Official West Ham Handbook credit him with 14 for the 1967-68 season.

Club League Totals: West Ham 302 app and 80 goals. Tottenham 189 app and 46 goals. Norwich 128 app and 26 goals.

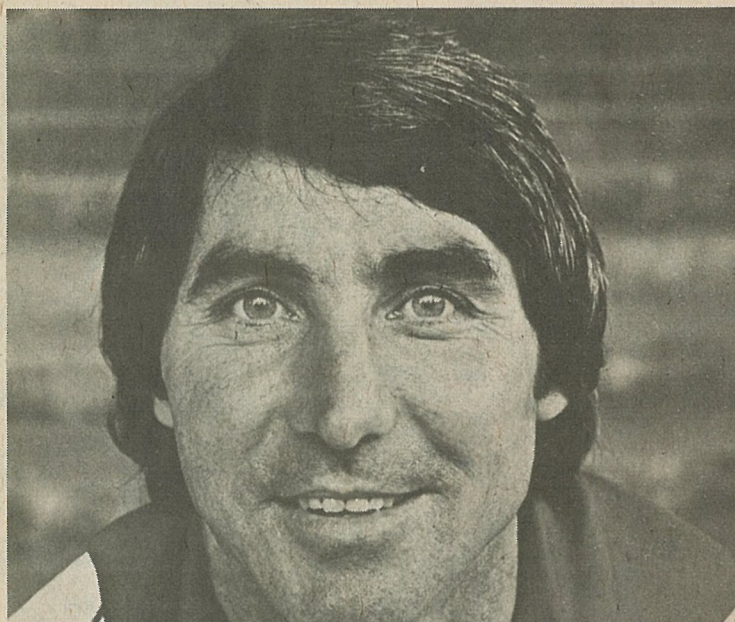
record bears out.

It is interesting to look back at his two previous clubs and ponder on what might and might not have happened to Peters if he had remained with either of them.

Tottenham were relegated at the end of the 1976-77 season, and despite winning promotion at the first attempt look very shaky to say the least.

West Ham have swapped places with Spurs, and are now in the Second Division.

No wonder John Bond can afford himself a quiet chuckle as he watches his evergreen star play in a Norwich side that has established itself in the top flight.



STAYING UP WILL MEAN SUCCESS FOR BOLTON

says: veteran defender TONY DUNNE

TONY DUNNE, Bolton's ageless full-back, made his First Division debut for Manchester United in 1960, against Burnley at Turf Moor.

"I remember it well," he says "we lost 5-3 and John Connolly was the outside-right. I only saw him twice and that was before and after the game. He came to Old Trafford and I'm sure Matt Busby only bought him because he used to give me so much trouble!"

Since then Tony has won nearly every honour in the game: European Cup, F.A. Cup and two League Championship medals, plus over 30 international caps for the Republic of Ireland.

After 508 appearances in 13 years at United he arrived at Burnley in 1973, on a free transfer. Now he's back in the First Division with the newly promoted hopefuls.

What is the feeling like?

"It's great and it's marvellous for the club," he says. "I'm just hoping I can get enough games in because the younger lads have got a bit older now and they're challenging all the time. To be honest, if the players were all fit, then I might not be the first choice."

"I would love to think I would be playing in the first team all season and it would be great to play at Old Trafford again, but they both go together."

"In the middle there's Sam Allardyce, Paul Jones and Mike Walsh. Now Mike had a great season last time at centre-half, but that was mainly through Paul Jones being injured."

"The obvious move for manager Ian Greaves would be to put Mike at left-back to see if he can produce the same form and keep Paul and Sam together. He's a left sided player and with him being younger, and if it works, then he'll be the one to take over."

"But he's got David Burke treading on his toes — another young-

ster who can't be far off being ready. I'm sandwiched between all these players, and possibly I'm an insurance against injuries."

What does Tony think is the difference between First and Second Division football?

"If you look at the top eight or nine teams in the First, then they really are very good and the difference is tremendous. There are a lot of gifted players and some teams are blessed with four or five internationals which makes for a very good outfit."

"But I would say there's not much difference between the lower half of the First Division and the top four in the Second."

"Over the last 26 years there have only been two teams that have sprung the surprise of surprises, and they are Ipswich and Nottingham Forest. They've come up from the Second and won the League Championship."

"Bolton have been regarded as a good Second Division team and we've some good young lads, but the game's faster. There are more individuals and when you come up you've got to learn to play against that. Certain things like a one to one situation are more difficult because individual players perform just that little better."

"I learned a lot from playing with great players. The longer I played the more I came to love it. I think it's the finest profession there is and it's possibly the reason why I want to play for as long as I can."

"When I finally retire I'd like to stay in football, probably as player-manager, and then step up to management just to see if I had the ability to do the job. You never know until you try and I'm interested enough to want to do it."

"Success for the club this season would be to finish just below halfway. For newly promoted clubs such as Bolton staying up is success."

Leicester are now over the hill

— BUT ONLY IN TRAINING

"HE'S a pretty tough character, but he's fair." That's the candid opinion of Leicester skipper, Dennis Rofe, talking about Jock Wallace, the new boss at Filbert Street.

"He's very passionate about his football," continues the 28-year-old defender. "It doesn't matter if you're winning or losing 5-0, he still wants you to score a goal and to keep right on to the end."

"I think if anybody can get us going again, then he will, because he's arrived on the scene full of experience and with a proven track record."

"I find him a very honest man and he speaks straight from the heart. He's got his own rules and he insists they are carried out."

"It's good, because if you've got discipline off the field, then it helps you to maintain discipline on it. There's always a reason behind everything he does. If you've done wrong, then he'll give you a rollicking, which you expect anyway."

"The fans have greeted him very well. They're aware of his record and reputation and they're all behind him. It's up to the players to do their stuff now. They were very patient last term because we took the big drop and we didn't play very well."

What does Dennis think of the killer training methods of the enthusiastic Jock Wallace?

"It was a different pre-season from what we've had previously," he says, "and it was good. The emphasis was on sprinting all the time with all sorts of running relevant to the game — quick, short bursts over 20 and 25 yards, with a swift change in pace and direction."

"It's been tough because we've been doing quite a lot of it, but we've never had the tedium of long distance running. I think

everybody's felt the benefit of it."

How about the specially constructed mountaineering course — a Wallace innovation? "We've only been on this once," he said. "There are three hills in all. One is sand and the other two are a mixture of clay and mud. It was quite hard at the actual time and, as you can imagine, heavy on the legs. But the recovery period was quick and it didn't exactly leave you feeling absolutely whacked afterwards."

"I missed the last nine or ten games last term because of cartilage trouble and I've felt no ill effects from the training sessions."

Dennis, born in Epping, made his League debut with Orient in season 1967/68 and signed for Leicester in August, 1972, for £100,000, where he joined his old boss, Jimmy Bloomfield. In around 400 League appearances he's worked under a trio of managers. Can he pin-point any differences in attitude and outlook?

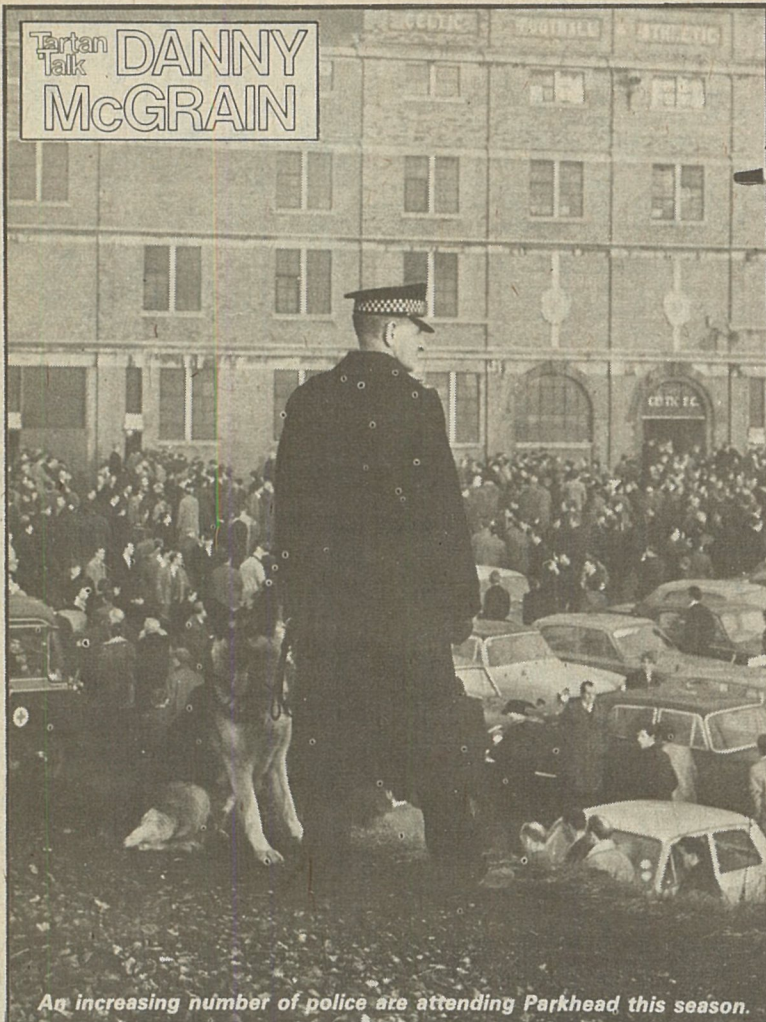
"It's difficult to compare," he says. "Each of them has his good points, although the methods are different. Jimmy Bloomfield believed that discipline off the field would take care of itself to a certain extent, whereas Jock Wallace enforces the rules more rigidly."

"I think every manager you play under has his own likes and dislikes. It's essential to have luck and, in this respect, perhaps Frank McLintock was a little unfortunate. He needed that extra bit of luck, but he didn't get it, did he?"

What is the Rofe forecast for Leicester this season? "I think it will be hard to bounce straight back into the First Division, but that's what everybody at Filbert Street is aiming for," he said.

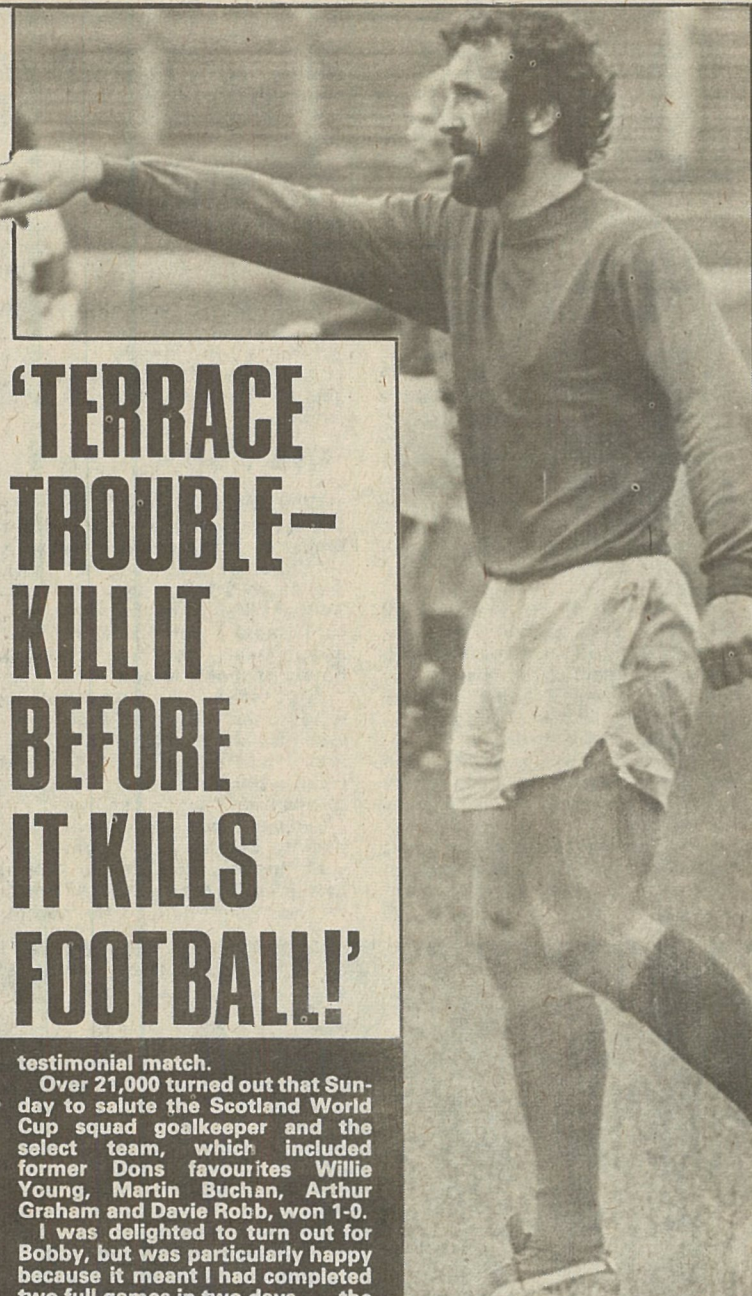


Leicester's Dennis Rofe (left). Former Glasgow Rangers boss Jock Wallace (above) arrived at Filbert Street full of experience and with a tremendous track record.



An increasing number of police are attending Parkhead this season.

'TERRACE TROUBLE— KILL IT BEFORE IT KILLS FOOTBALL!'



THE theme of this week's column is trouble. Not the trouble that has kept me out of first team football for nearly a year or even the trouble which stopped Celtic winning a major honour last year.

Rather trouble with a capital 'T', the cancer which is eating at football at every ground in the land... terracing trouble.

It hit the headlines again in Scotland with the violence which swept Tynecastle in the Hearts v. Hibs Edinburgh derby. The crowd had already been slashed to 20,000 in a game which used to regularly attract more than twice as much.

And who can blame the real football fan for staying away when he knows it is a fair bet his afternoon will be ruined by the threat of young lunatics on the rampage.

I have no sympathy with those who say there is no point in getting too concerned with the trouble in Scotland because it does not compare with ground violence in England.

In the first place, that is hardly relevant and secondly I am not even sure if such a presumption is true.

The point is, how can we kill it before it kills football?

Clearly the answer is not entirely with the clubs. I don't see they can be held entirely responsible for the actions of some idiots. I go along with what Tommy Docherty said some years back about football grounds not being the cause of violence but rather just being the venue for outlets of violence which would have happened anyway.

Nevertheless action must be taken. The Manchester United

answer of banning fans from away games wasn't the complete solution, for at the end of the day they still managed to get into other grounds.

And the situation is further complicated by the idiots who wear the colours of the opposition out of some perverted loyalty to their own team. Under such circumstances a club could be unjustifiably fined by their League.

That is one of the reasons I think the deduction of points for crowd misbehaviour is a bit drastic. It is all too easy for a club to be found guilty wrongly.

Minority

But something must be done. At Parkhead Celtic are increasing the number of police who attend matches with the long arm of the law going right into the trouble areas and getting hold of the brainless minority who start the chants which incite the trouble.

I was particularly disgusted at the abuse thrown at Kenny Dalglish when he skippered Liverpool in Jock Stein's testimonial match at Parkhead... the same Kenny Dalglish who had once been their idol and had brought them more pleasure than almost any player in the club's history.

Any doubt in my mind these people had any brains at all was completely removed that night.

However, my confidence in football fans was restored at Pittodrie at the beginning of the month when I turned out for a select side against Aberdeen in Bobby Clark's

testimonial match.

Over 21,000 turned out that Sunday to salute the Scotland World Cup squad goalkeeper and the select team, which included former Dons favourites Willie Young, Martin Buchan, Arthur Graham and Davie Robb, won 1-0.

I was delighted to turn out for Bobby, but was particularly happy because it meant I had completed two full games in two days... the other being the Celtic reserves' 4-0 League Cup win over Ayr United.

The whole weekend operation proved that first team football is just around the corner and while I doubt if it will have arrived by the time you read this column, it may be a reality by the time you buy your next SHOOT! featuring the McGrain column.

And I can't wait to get back into first team action. I don't like to say I told you so... but I did warn you Celtic would get off to a flier under the new management of Billy McNeill. We're playing well and going forward in style... oh yes, happy days are here again!

In fact I think I will take the liberty of previewing a first team match for SHOOT! — something I haven't had the urge to do since I first suffered that injury against Hibs almost a year ago.

This Saturday (Sept 23), we face unpredictable Partick Thistle at Firhill. The Jags, managed by one time Lisbon Lion Bertie Auld, continue on their amazing way, defying anyone to predict their results.

Against Dundee United earlier this season they were played off the park and yet managed a 1-1 draw.

Then against Falkirk — from the Second Division remember — in a League Cup-tie Thistle lose the softest of own-goals and go out after extra-time and penalties.

Unpredictable is the word... but the McGrain crystal ball says we will win!

Finally, as you read this you will probably know the result of Scotland's opening European Championship match in Austria.

Their morale will be sky-high after their victory against Norway in Oslo but Scotland have a lot to prove in this competition.

I'll be taking an in-depth look at our chances soon.

Danny McGrain

**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE**

SOCCER fans throughout the world constantly yell for entertainment and enjoyment. They crave excitement, the spectacular goal, the superb save, the controlled play of midfielders, the resoluteness of defenders.

Scottish football fans can delight in the wonderful individual skills of Celtic's Alfie Conn or Rangers' Bobby Russell. They can enjoy the marvellous penalty-box ability of goal thieves Joe Harper, of Aberdeen, or Hibs' Ally MacLeod.

They can cheer the consistent goalkeeping skills of Mike McDonald, of Hibs, and Dennis Connaghan, who helped Morton to win the First Division Championship last season. They can be thrilled by the exciting full-back play of Alex Forsyth, on loan to Rangers from Manchester United, and Aberdeen's Stevie Ritchie, a goalscorer in last term's Scottish Cup Final.

These are all players of high quality, proven ability. Strangely, though, they all have something in common apart from being key men with their Premier Division clubs. They all left Scotland ... and were happy to return.

They are The Comeback Men and the fans were only too happy to welcome them back to their homeland.

Mike Larnach is one of the latest to make a rapid fire return to Scotland after his short spell South of the border with Newcastle. He

signed for Motherwell just after another former Anglo, Willie Watson, ex-Manchester United, took his full-back talent to ambitious Dundee.

And a new Fir Park team-mate will be Peter Marinello, who, of course, had spells with Arsenal and Portsmouth. Well, why do so many Scots return? Is the pressure too much for them? Or are they just not good enough?

Some players go into the English First Division and say the main difference is simply a better atmosphere. They refute any suggestion the English game is far superior.

New George Best

Why, then, does a good player in Scotland fail to make the grade in England? There are many reasons.

"You learn who your real friends are down South," says Marinello. "When I first went there from Hibs to Arsenal I got offers from just about everyone. The telephone hardly stopped ringing.

"But when I dropped out of the scheme of things at Highbury, I was just about on my own. That's why I was happy to go to Portsmouth, but for a variety of reasons things didn't work out there.

"When I got the chance to go back to Scotland I jumped at it."

Marinello's confidence took a hefty dent in his spell in the South. He had known virtually nothing

but praise since he had emerged in Scottish soccer.

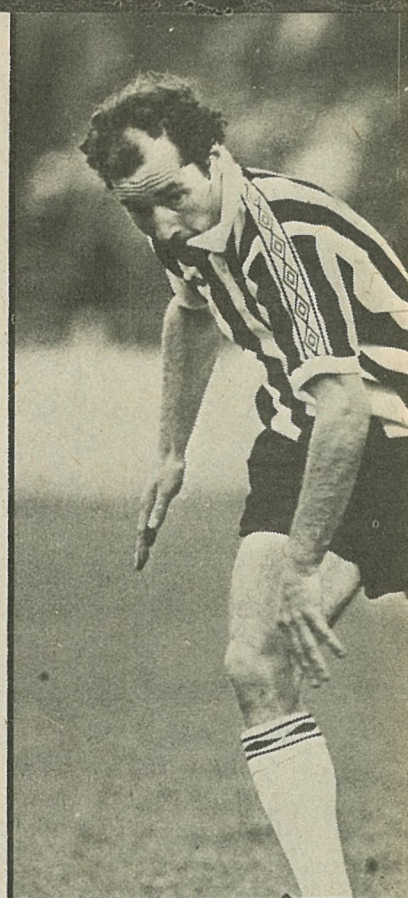
His flamboyant, exciting touch-line runs were applauded by everyone and he looked a bargain at £100,000 when Bertie Mee moved in to take him to Highbury.

He was hailed as the new George Best, but the fans weren't prepared to allow him time to settle. Unfortunately he did not help his own case when in his debut against Manchester United — George Best and all! — he scored a wonderful solo goal at Old Trafford.

Marinello, despite a close-season transfer request, has his confidence back again and this commodity is so very vital to a player of his style. There have been rumours Fulham are ready to move in. A more mature Marinello would probably be a bigger success this time around, but if it didn't go right then he could always return to Scotland ...

Alfie Conn is another snakehipped attacker who didn't quite make it in England. No one doubts that Conn possesses brilliant, mesmerising ability, but Spurs let him return for £65,000 to Celtic after paying £135,000 to Rangers for him two years earlier.

Conn's ability has in no way diminished, but his former Celtic manager Jock Stein, a shrewd thinker, puts it this way: "There are certain individuals whose style of play is simply not suited to the



THE COMEBACK MEN



Joe Harper went back to Aberdeen ... and the goals haven't stopped since!





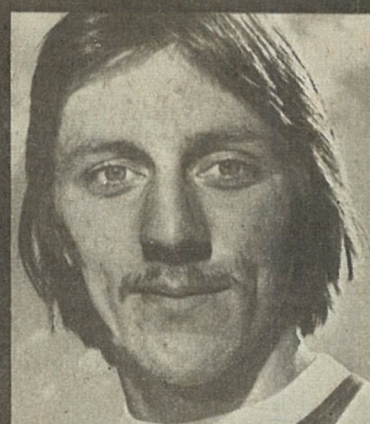
Peter Marinello (right) was happy to return to Motherwell.



Celtic's Alfie Conn had a controversial spell with Spurs.



JIM BONE (St. Mirren)



MIKE LARNACH (Motherwell)

English game.

"It's not a case of them not being able to come up to expectations or requirements when they move from Scotland. You can't buy a player and then try to change his methods. You shouldn't want to do that once you have made up your mind you want to buy him and fit him into your team."

Joe Harper cost Everton £180,000 when he took his goal supply from Aberdeen. He still hit the target, but possibly not with the regularity the Goodison Park club expected.

"I had to change my style in the South," says Harper, who is now back with The Dons after a short spell with Hibs. "Everyone knows my strengths. I like to operate in and around the box, but things were different in England."

"I got the impression Everton wanted me to put muscles on my muscles I was doing so much weightlifting! I think you can either score goals or not. Huge muscles aren't going to make much of a difference. If you can 'sniff' out goals you are halfway there."

That was Harper's second try at soccer in England. He started his career with Morton, scored an abundance of goals, went to Huddersfield, still hit the target, but was still allowed to return to Morton. The goals continued and Aberdeen bought him. The rest is history.

Jimmy Bone is another much-travelled striker who had a spell with both Norwich and Sheffield United after making the initial impact with Partick Thistle.

"When Ken Furphy became the boss at Bramall Lane I was more or less told to pack my bags," says Bone, a former international leader. "Don't ask me why. If the face doesn't fit..."

Celtic paid out £35,000 for Bone, but very little went right for him at Parkhead. In all his first team matches he managed only one goal — a scrambled effort against Dunfermline.

Arbroath bought him, but he is back in the Premier Division now with St. Mirren. The bristling energy and non-stop aggression that helped him first make his name with Thistle is now very much back in evidence.

A former St. Mirren attacker

attracted across the border was Ally MacLeod, now the scorer of spectacular efforts for Hibs. He went to Southampton to team up as a strike-force with Mike Channon, now Manchester City, of course, but the goals did not flow between them and MacLeod knew he would soon be leaving The Dell.

MacLeod's present Easter Road team-mate Gerry O'Brien also had a spell with Southampton. He went South and everyone thought he would be a hit with his intelligent promptings and eagerness to work, but he dropped into the shadows and was brought back to Scotland by Clydebank who sold him to Hibs last season.

Another midfielder currently starring in the Premier is Rangers' silky smooth Bobby Russell. To watch him glide through a match it is hard to believe he was once on the soccer scrapheap, thrown there by Sunderland who didn't think he had the talent to make the grade in England. What a blunder!

Mundane

Morton 'keeper Dennis Connaghan has had a career that makes Russell's look positively mundane. He was with Celtic as a youngster, but was never put on a full contract and he went on to join St. Mirren.

While he was with The Saints he had a go at American soccer and recalls with a smile: "It was hilarious. They even stopped the games for adverts. Amazing! I was glad to get back to Scotland. I had had enough of gimmicks."

He played again for the Paisley side and must have been the most surprised player in the world when Celtic bought him for £30,000 six years ago. Eventually he was freed last season and had short spells with Ayr United and Clydebank before signing for Morton.

An outside-left who hit the headlines in the South and then vanished from the spotlight was Ian Scanlon, of Notts County. He made the headlines with a brilliant display in a League Cup match against Leeds United at Elland Road which County won, but now he is with Aberdeen and making life difficult for Premier Division defenders.

So, there you are, just some of The Comeback Men and you could hardly call them rejects or failures.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Which one of these clubs — Wolves, Queens Park Rangers or Bristol City — took the longest time of all Division One clubs to score their first League goal this season?

7. Do you know the Christian names of the following players? (a) --- Greaves (right, Bolton), (b) --- Sabella (Sheffield United), (c) --- Reeves (Norwich City) and (d) --- Elliott (Nottingham Forest).

2. The player on the right, pictured below during his early days with Distillery, is now a famous First Division star ... can you identify him?

8. Rangers played Hearts in the 1973-74, 1974-75 or 1975-76 Scottish Cup Final and beat them 2-1, 3-1 or 4-1?



3. After the games played on Saturday, September 9th, which clubs headed (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third, (d) Fourth and (e) Scottish Premier Divisions?

9. Alex Ferguson, Benny Rooney and Bertie Auld are managers in the Scottish Premier Division. Which is boss of (a) Morton, (b) Partick Thistle and (c) Aberdeen?

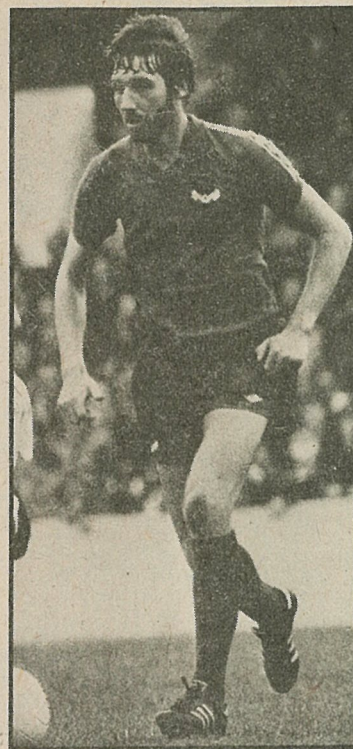
4. Coventry City striker Alan Green recently turned down a transfer to Swansea City, Swindon Town or Shrewsbury Town?

10. In which countries would you see (a) Odense BK, (b) Sachsenring Zwickau and (c) Halmstad playing?

5. Can you name the goalscorers in Liverpool's 7-0 thrashing of Spurs at Anfield on Saturday, September 2nd?

11. Kevin Beattie (Ipswich Town), Mervyn Day (West Ham), Peter Barnes (Manchester City), Andy Gray (Aston Villa) and Tony Woodcock (Nottingham Forest) have, apart from being footballers, something in common ... do you know what?

6. Which Second Division clubs would be in action if goalkeeper Steve Hardwick was beaten by a header from John Radford?



12. Which famous First Division striker holds the individual goal-scoring record in the F.A. Cup when he scored nine against non-League Margate?

13. Sunderland's Mick Docherty, son of Derby boss Tommy, has played for two other League clubs. Which?

14. Which English or Scottish grounds would you be visiting if you stood on the terraces at (a) Belle Vue Ground, (b) Rugby Park, (c) Palmerston Park and (d) Edgar Street?

15. True or false? As a player, Cardiff City boss Jimmy Andrews played for Dundee, West Ham and Queens Park Rangers.

ANSWERS:

1. Wolves. 2. Nottingham Forest. 3. Wolves. 4. Queen of the South. 5. Hereford. 6. True. 7. (d) Hereford. 8. True. 9. (d) Hereford. 10. (d) Hereford. 11. (d) Hereford. 12. (d) Hereford. 13. (d) Hereford. 14. (a) Belle Vue Ground. 15. (a) Belle Vue Ground.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

compiled by JOHN PYKE

Brighton

If Football League clubs ever take up the idea of Local Borough Councils and erect plaques where famous people stayed or visited — then Brighton and Hove Albion will be entitled to one.

"Brian Clough was manager here from November, 1973, to July, 1974," would read the one above The Goldstone Ground. The fact his stay was short still does not hide it was the beginning of the Brighton success story.

Before Brighton fans write in their thousands to us and ask what did B.C. do for their club, let me explain. Perhaps Clough himself had an off year in his miracle making. But, as usual, he took his right-hand man along in Peter Taylor.

When Clough left with the usual fanfare of trumpets for a short stay at Leeds and on to Nottingham Forest — and we all know what happened there — Taylor stayed longer and built the foundations of the very good Brighton side Alan Mullery is in charge of now.

But way before the days of Clough, and when Brighton was a quiet seaside retreat, the present club was formed in 1900.

They had been playing soccer in Brighton since 1872 and in 1898 came their first professional side and entered the Southern League under the title of Brighton United.

Then in 1900 came another side in Brighton and Hove Rangers, and a season later they changed their name to the present one.

Their first success came when they won the Southern League in 1910 and thus followed their first famous victory when Brighton beat Football League Champions Aston Villa 1-0 in the F.A. Charity Shield.

Brighton were founder members of the Third Division (South) in the 1920-21 season. There they stayed until 1957-58 when Brighton won the Championship. Incidentally, that was the last season of the old Third South and North before the start of the Third and Fourth Divisions.

Brighton's first-ever Second Division match on August 23rd, 1958, was one to forget in a hurry. Middlesbrough crushed them 9-0 at Ayresome Park with a certain Boro centre-forward named Brian Clough having a field day with five goals!

Four seasons later, at the end of 1961-62, they were back in the Third Division and — as if they had slipped on some of their own famous rock — went straight down to the Fourth Division.

Luckily it was only a two-season stay in the basement for Brighton. April, 1965, saw them Champions of Division Four.

In the 1972-73 season the club finished runners-up to Aston Villa and were promoted from the Third Division, but success was short-

lived. Twelve months later it was relegation again — until 1976-77 when Alan Mullery took them back to Division Two in his first season in charge.

Alan Mullery, Brighton's manager with the powerhouse pair, Peter Ward (left) and Malcolm Poskett (right).



When Brian Clough scored five goals against The Seagulls

MAYBANK COMES GOOD

THE division between success and failure can be wafer-thin in football as in any other walk of life. Last season saw a classic example in the Second Division. Never an easy Division for success, the promotion placings changed weekly with Brighton fighting it out to the bitter end.

A crowd of 33,431 at The Goldstone Ground watched Brighton beat Blackpool 2-1 in their final game. But Tottenham gained the one point they needed at Southampton to clinch their place in the First Division and Alan Mullery's team had lost out on goal-difference.

Can Brighton succeed this season where they failed so narrowly last term? A 2-0 home defeat at the hands of newly-promoted Cambridge United in the first week was a shock the Hove supporters could have done without. But a fine 4-1 victory at Millwall restored faith in their chances of another promotion run.

The most pleasing feature of the Millwall victory were the two goals scored by Teddy Maybank. Mullery paid a lot of money (£200,000) for Maybank. Unfortunately the Brighton supporters expected a goal a match from him. When he failed to score this season they wanted him dropped. Full credit to Mullery for persevering with him and Maybank answered in the best possible way to the fickle fans, at Millwall.

PEN PICTURES

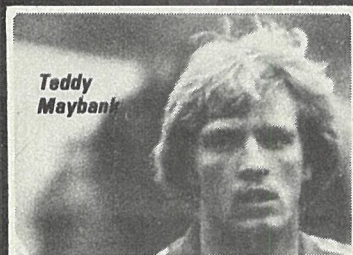
(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records till end of the 1977-78 season)

CHRIS CATTILIN: Defender signed from Coventry City in June, 1976. England Under-23 international. Born Milnrow. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— Huddersfield 59 and 2 sub, Coventry 213 and 4 sub, Brighton 68. G:— Huddersfield 1, Brighton 1.

PAUL CLARK: Midfielder signed from Southend United in November, 1977. Born S. Benfleet. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— Southend 29 and 4 sub, Brighton 26. G:— Southend 1, Brighton 3.

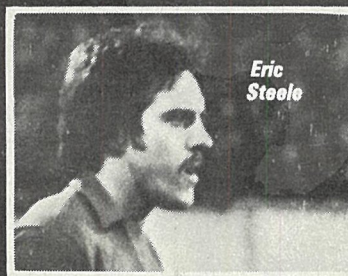
BRIAN HORTON: Skipper and midfielder signed from Port Vale in March, 1976. Born Hednesford. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— Port Vale 232 and 4 sub, Brighton 98. G:— Port Vale 33, Brighton 17.

MARK LAWRENSON: Back-four player signed from Preston in July, 1977. Republic of Ireland international with five caps. Born Preston. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Preston 73, Brighton 40. G:— Preston 2, Brighton 1.



TEDDY MAYBANK: Striker and record buy for Brighton at

£200,000 in November, 1977, from Fulham. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Chelsea 28, Fulham 27, Brighton 16. G:— Chelsea 6, Fulham 14, Brighton 4.



Eric Steele

GRAHAM MOSELEY: Goalkeeper signed from Derby County in November, 1977. Born Manchester. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Derby 32, Aston Villa (loan) 3, Walsall (loan) 3, Brighton 4.

PETER O'SULLIVAN: Welsh international winger with two caps signed from Manchester United in April, 1970. Born Colwyn Bay. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.0. L. App:— Brighton 335. G:— Brighton 34.

MALCOLM POSKETT: Striker signed from Hartlepool United in February, 1978. Born Middlesbrough. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— Middlesbrough 1 sub, Hartlepool 50 and 1 sub, Brighton 11 and 2 sub. G:— Hartlepool 20, Brighton 6.

ANDY ROLLINGS: Central defender signed from Norwich City in April, 1974. Born N. Weston. Ht.

6.0. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Norwich 4, Brighton 124. G:— Brighton 6.

PETER SAYER: Striker signed from Cardiff City in February, 1978. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.2. L. App:— Cardiff 70 and 12 sub, Brighton 6. G:— Cardiff 14, Brighton 1.

ERIC STEELE: Goalkeeper signed from Peterborough in February, 1977. Born Newcastle. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— Peterborough 124, Brighton 53.

KEN TILER: Defender signed from Chesterfield in October, 1974. Born Sheffield. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Chesterfield 138 and 1 sub, Brighton 113. G:— Chesterfield 1.

TONY TOWNER: Striker signed professional in October, 1972. Born Brighton. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 9.11. L. App:— 149 and 7 sub. G:— 24.

PETER WARD: Striker and England Under-21 international signed professional in May, 1975. Born Derby. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.3. L. App:— 93. G:— 52.

GARY WILLIAMS: Defender signed from Preston North End in April, 1977. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Preston 107 and 5 sub, Brighton 34. G:— Preston 2.

GRAHAM WINSTANLEY: Defender signed from Carlisle in November, 1974. Born Croxdale. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— Newcastle 5 and 2 sub, Carlisle 165 and 1 sub, Brighton 59 and 1 sub. G:— Carlisle 8, Brighton 4.

BRIGHTON



BACK ROW (left to right): Glen Wilson (physio), Chris Cattlin, Teddy Maybank, Ken Tiller, Malcolm Poskett, Eric Potts (now Preston), George Aitken (coach).

CENTRE ROW: Ken Craggs (assistant-manager), Tony Towner, Graham Winstanley, Eric Steele, Andy Rollings, Graham Moseley, Mark Lawrenson, Gary Williams, Alan Mullery (manager).

FRONT ROW: Paul Clark, Peter Ward, Brian Horton, M. Bamber (chairman), H. Bloom (vice chairman), Peter O'Sullivan, Peter Sayer, John Ruggiero.